



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 9th, 2011 6:30PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9th, 2011, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Room 2016, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Miguel Ancira
Thomas Esparza, Chair
Laura Hernandez, Vice-Chair
Syed Rahman
Sunny Ogunro
Donald Krupens

Members Absent

Christopher Cano

Presenters: None

Staff

Natalie Cuccia, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Esparza called the Commission meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of February 9th, 2011 were approved on Commissioner Rahman's motion, Commissioner Ogunro second on a 4-0 vote. Ancira, Hernandez, and Cano not present.
4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** None
5. **REPORT: Immigrant Services Network:** Commissioner Esparza reported on the activities of the network and the last meeting. Commissioner Esparza noted elections for the Executive Committee will be held at the May meeting. He informed the Commission members of the meeting time and location and encouraged them to attend. He also provided an update on the website development.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **City Council Resolution directing the City to engage in discussions with Austin Independent School District (AISD).** The Commission briefly discussed the message they would like to convey to the City Manager and City Council regarding engagement

with AISD. It is their desire to voice their support and to communicate the needs of immigrant students and families. The Commission opted to table this item until the next meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Progress Report on Emergency Contact Card for Residents and Visitors with limited English proficiency.** Commissioner Hernandez provided a current progress report. She has received approval and logo from the Austin Police Department (APD). APD requests that the card include a statement clarifying that this is not an official form of identification. There are some additional technical aspects of the card design that need to be finalized before submittal to the Health and Human Services Department.

The Commission briefly discussed items to be placed on the agenda for the April regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. without objection. Cano not present.