



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6:30PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 1027, Austin, Texas.

**Members in Attendance**

Miguel Ancira  
Laura Hernandez, Vice-Chair  
Syed Rahman  
Donald Krupens

**Members Absent**

Christopher Cano  
Thomas Esparza, Chair  
Sunny Ogunro

**Presenters:** None

**Staff**

Natalie Cuccia, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Hernandez called the Commission meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved on Commissioner Ancira's motion, Commissioner Krupens second on a 4-0 vote. Cano, Esparza, Ogunro not present.
4. **REPORT: Immigrant Services Network:** Commissioner Esparza was absent, so no report was provided.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Legislative Update.** The Commission discussed immigration-related bills currently being considered in the Texas State Legislature. Handouts with bill summaries and potential implications were provided. The handouts were originally provided to the attendees of the Immigrant Services Network of Austin meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Discussion ensued on approaching lawmakers to provide feedback and advocacy on how the bills would affect the immigrant community. Commissioner Hernandez offered to track the bills and also gave the other Commissioners the website where bill information and progress is located.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **a. Emergency Contact Card for Residents with limited English proficiency.**

Commissioner Hernandez provided a current progress report. The card needs higher-resolution logos from Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department and Austin/Travis County EMS. Commissioner Hernandez is going to contact the respective departments to obtain these. Commissioner Rahman offered to work on the current card to see if the issues with the current logos can be solved. They talked about the timeline for roll out and where the card will be available. The desire is to have the card available by summer/early fall at various City sites and community agencies that provide services to immigrants.

### **b. City of Austin discussions with Austin Independent School District (AISD).**

Commissioner Krupens provided copies of the Resolution. He reported that he contacted the City Managers office to inquire about the status of the discussions. Thus far, there has been one meeting. There have been no decisions on any recommendations and no target deadlines. No other information was available.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Hate Crimes Initiative and Legislative Update**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. without objection.