



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:30PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Laura Hernandez, Vice Chair

Donald Krupens

Syed Rahman

James Kuhr

Miguel Ancira

Members Absent

Tom Esparza, Chair

Sunny Ogunro

Presenters:

Staff

Joe Barnes, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Hernandez, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 14, 2012 minutes didn't have back page. Approval postponed until May 9, 2012 meeting. Approval of April 11, 2012 minutes also postponed until May meeting.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **PREDATORY BANKING PRACTICES IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES.**
Commissioner Ancira presented information regarding a bank document, Certificate of Benefit Owner for US tax withholding (W-8BEN) that appeared to have questions about residency.
 - B. **E-MAIL MOTION TO ADD "MAKE AUSTIN A MORE WELCOMING, HOSPITABLE CITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS"**
Commissioner Hernandez presented information regarding getting the developers of the program in touch with organizations that have constituencies in the immigrant community.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Emergency Contact Card for Residents with limited English proficiency.**
Commissioner Hernandez indicated cards would be complete and ready for printing. Acting chair asked liaison to identify HHSD source responsible for funding printing costs.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Elections of Commissioners**
- B. Motion made and seconded to add Federal Inquisition on Immigration Status item to May agenda. Passed 5-0.**
- C. Discussion of translation of City of Austin Website pages.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. without objection.