



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, May 20, 2014, 6:30 PM

Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room #1101

301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas

Approved Special Called Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a Special Called meeting on Monday, May 20th, 2014, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Boards and Commissions Room #1101, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Peter Shen, Chairman</i>
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	<i>James Kuhr</i>
<i>Pranav Parekh</i>	<i>Sandra Molinari</i>
<i>Nancy L. Lobato</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**
 - A. Krista Del Gallo of Texas Council on Family Violence – discussion on immigrant eligibility for Tenant based Rental Assistance (TBRA). – **No show**
 - B. Ainee Athar, FWD.us – **No Show**
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - April 2014 meeting minutes approved on a 4-0 vote with Chairman, Peter Shen and Commissioner Sandra Molinari absent.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. John Miller, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Budget Review**
(written report forthcoming)
 - B. Review of Meeting Protocols** – Tabled until next meeting
 - C. Bylaws & Commission Philosophy of Service**– Commissioner Julius Okelo moved that by-laws be amended to reflect Recommendation # 20140414004C as follows “ Article

3A The board is composed of 8 members, 7 appointed by city council and 1 Travis County designee,” and be submitted to Legal. The motion was second by Commissioner Nancy L. Lobato. Approve by a 4-0 vote with Chair, Peter Shen and Commissioner Sandra Molinari absent.

D. Talking Points re: Austin welcoming City Conference; purpose of COIA -
Approve at next meeting

E. Culturally sensitive language standards - *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina moved to remove use of the adjective “illegal” from the vernacular of the Commission when referring to a person or an immigrant who is not or may not be lawfully present in the United States. Commissioner Pranav Parekh seconds the motion. Approved on a 4-0 vote with Chair, Peter Shen and Commissioner Sandra Molinari absent.*

F. COIA representation at World Refugee Day – *Commissioner Angela-Jo Touza-Medina suggested there be a representative present.*

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. “Austin: Welcoming City” Conference Update – *Tabled until after meeting with Natalie Betts*

B. Resolution to Travis County Commissioners: Welcoming Counties – *Tabled until next meeting*

C. Recommendation # 20140414004C – Potential Travis County Appointment to COIA- *Approved on a 4-0 Vote with Chair, Peter Shen and Commissioner Sandra Molinari*

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *None*

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- *Social Work Capacity*
- *Chronic Disease Management*

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- *The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Vice Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina.*

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