



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30 PM
Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room #1027
301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas, 78701

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened a regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Chair</i>	<i>Jody Huyah</i>
<i>Rosalia Austin</i>	
<i>Karen Crawford</i>	
<i>Jose Gamboa</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Hartman</i>	
<i>Apryl Rosas</i>	
<i>Alba Sereno, Vice-Chair</i>	
<i>Pedro Villalobos</i>	
<i>Kevin Countie</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina called meeting to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - Commissioner Pedro Villalobos made a motion to accept the July minutes; Commissioner Karen Crawford seconded the motion; Approved on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Jody Huyah and Elizabeth Hartman absent.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Newsletter workgroup – Expanding mail-out**
 - Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, Jose Gamboa, Kevin Countie, and Rosalia Austin
 - B. Joint Inclusion Committee – Commission on Immigrant Affairs Nominee**
 - Co-Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina made a motion to become the representative;

Commissioner Apryl Rosas seconded the motion; Approved on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Jody Huyah and Elizabeth Hartman absent.

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Austin Welcoming City Initiative:

a. Report Presentation

- Will release on September 21 at 4pm at the Welcoming Week Press Conference and Reception at City Hall sponsored by Global Austin and City of Austin Economic and Development Department.

b. Work Plan Development

- Develop how “welcoming” is the city by category
- Each Commissioner will select a work group(s) will research and come up with a draft policy by November. Action by January.
- Update at next meeting
- Co-Chair, Alba Sereno made a motion to create working groups; Commissioner Pedro Villalobos seconded the motion; Approved on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Jody Huyah and Elizabeth Hartman absent.

c. Welcoming Week: (same as 5a.)

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Spanish Heritage Month.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- A. Working groups committee members?
B. What community engaged organizations to invite to meetings?

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm by Chairperson Angela-Jo Touza-Medina

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