



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Monday, November 9, 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, November 9, 2015, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Angela-JoTouza-Medina, Chair</i>	<i>Piper Nelson</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>	
<i>Nicole Merritt</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Angela-Jo Touza-Medina called meeting to order at 6:32pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tabled until December
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Commissioner Nisha Agarwal, New York City's Mayors Office on Immigrant Affairs Re: Cities United for Immigration Action Conference Call** – (written report forthcoming)
 - Follow up on recommendation for Mayor Adler to join the coalition

- Alba Sereno and Elizabeth Hartman made a motion to assist with calls from CUIA. Motion seconded by Apryl Rosas. Approved on a 10-0 vote.

B. USCIS Presentation: San Antonio District Director Mario Ortiz and USCIS Community Liaison, Jacque Crouse

C. Welcoming City Initiative work group meeting formation and schedule

- Angela-Jo Touza-Medina will present a final schedule to the group next month
- Each work group to create work plan and present to board to decide what if any recommendations to submit to counsel by March/April

D. Organizations Identified for monthly community updates

- Work groups will identify organizations

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Work Plan Development

- See 4C.

B. Update: Welcoming Week Press Conference

- Conference was will attended
- Counsel member of Ireland and Mexican Consulate attended

C. Joint Inclusion Committee back-up member selection

- Commissioner Jose Gamboa made a motion for April Rosas for back-up and seconded by Commissioner Alba Sereno. Approved on a 10-0 vote.

D. Newsletter

- Distribution at the end of December to include the work plan preceding the Welcoming City follow up work and a bio of each board member

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

A. Update on Municipal ID and Toolkit

B. Invite counsel members from Ireland, Germany, England and Mexican Consulates to present at a future board meeting

C. ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Commissioner Pedro Villalobos and seconded by Commissioner Alba Sereno. Approved on a 10-0 vote.

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