



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Special Called Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 30, 2016 6:30 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room #1027**  
**301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78701**

### ***Approved Regular Meeting Minutes***

***The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a special called meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2016 at City Hall, Executive Session Room, First floor in room 1027, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.***

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Alba Sereno, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Piper Nelson
Kevin Countie	Elisse Jean-Pierre
Karen Crawford	Apryl Rosas
Krystal Gomez	

#### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, <i>Chair</i>	Nicole Merritt
Rosalia Austin	Pedro Villalobos
Elizabeth Hartman	

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Adrienne Sturup, COA HHSD

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice-Chair, Alba Sereno, called the Board Meeting to order at 6:40 pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Commissioner Janee Briesemiester, Commission on Seniors Working Group – Age-Friendly Austin Action Plan (written report to follow)
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May, 2016
  - Commissioner Piper Nelson motioned to accept the minutes with following amendments:  
Meeting scheduled with City Councilmember Greg Casar regarding a community bank and working with Commission on Hispanic Quality of Life Commission on recommendations for economic development.
  - Commissioner Karen Crawford seconded the motion.
  - Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Kevin Countie abstained.

**4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. Austin Police Department U-Visa Certification Policy - Tabled**

**B. Discussion about NHCD (presentation and resources)**

- Review housing master plan and discussion at next meeting
- Request survey results
- Submit recommendations to Alba or Piper

**C. Update on Arresting persons without driver's license – Alba Sereno**

- Written report to follow

**D. Budget for Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

- To assist with annual "Welcoming City" Summit, and conduct survey's to assist with production of recommendations.
- Further discussion next month

**E. Support of the Commission on Seniors Age Friendly Action Plan**

- Refer to item 2
- Health group and Housing group to take this topic on.

**F. Language Access Audit**

- Conduct by the City of Austin
- Board has committed to participate in future conversations

**G. Recap on Initiative on Cities Workshop**

**5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

**A. Update on Municipal I.D. Card**

- Adrienne Sturup, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department shared the initial proposal of the municipal ID card for Travis County residents. Staff is waiting on action by the city council. Alba and Angela will write up a recommendation for further action.

**B. Press conference on July 29**

- Presentations given by: Councilperson Tovar, Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, and Council Delia Garza and others on the significance of Immigrant Heritage month. Forward US encouraged everyone to register on website [IAManImmigrant.com](http://IAManImmigrant.com)
- Proclamation announced about Immigrant Heritage month
- Delia Garza gave reference to an article in the boards newsletter
- Called City Council to look out for the board's recommendation

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Karen Crawford attended a Community Engagement meeting to discuss how Travis County would respond to the Supreme Court ruling on DAPA. Written report to follow.
- Commissioner Piper Nelson met with a teacher from Hart Elementary to discuss ways to better integrate refugees and immigrants into the school system.
- Board can release statements to support the needs of AISD and Charter schools.
- Include working group reports/updates in newsletters

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

**8. ADJOURNMENT – Co Chair, Alba Sereno adjourned meeting at 7:59 pm**

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