



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2017 6:30 PM
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland Dr., Classroom #2, Austin, Texas, 78757**

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 at Northwest Recreation Center, Classroom 2, 2913 Northland Dr. in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance:

Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, <i>Chair</i>	Elisse Jean-Pierre
Alba Sereno, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Nicole Merritt
Karen Crawford	Glenn Rosales
Krystal Gomez	David Vandenberg
Piper Nelson	Pedro Villalobos

Board Members not in Attendance:

Rosalia Austin

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH
Adrienne Sturup, Executive Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Angela-Jo Touza Medina called the Board Meeting to order at 6:31 pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January, 2017
 - Commissioner David Vandenberg motioned to accept the minutes.
 - Commissioner Glenn Rosales seconded the motion.
 - Approved on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Rosalia Austin absent.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Briefing and discussion on the FY 2017-18 Annual Action Plan, the City of Austin's application to receive formula grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Jim Padilla, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.** – Tabled
 - B. Texas Legislative Update – Faye Kolly J.D. Immigrant Lawyer** - written report to follow

- C. **Facebook** – will be managed by Commissioners Elisse Jean Pierre, Nicole Merritt, and Vice Chair Alba Sereno
- D. **Collaboration with the New American Leader Project – Co-Chair Alba Sereno** - Leadership training for new Americans to help people be in public positions such as civic leadership. For more information: www.newamericanleaderproject.com.
- E. **Austin MSA Preview – Chair, Angela-Jo Touza-Medina** – To launch data of Impact Study through a media release or press conference. For more information: www.newamericaneconomy.org Commission on Immigrant Affairs to conduct a press release along with other commissions and other elected officials.
 - Vice-Chair Alba Sereno motioned to accept.
 - Commissioner Nicole Merritt seconded the motion.
 - Approved on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Rosalia Austin absent.

5. **OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** None

6. **STANDING ITEMS**

A. **Welcoming City Workshops**

- **Develop mission statement for work groups** Tabled
- **Public Safety/Commissioner Karen Crawford:** Texas Here to Stay continues to conduct “Know your Rights” sessions with 150-200 immigrants participating. “People are scared.” According to San Antonio area ICE fact sheet reports that 51 immigrants were arrested and of those 23 of whom criminal convictions and arrested in Austin, Texas. Grass Root Leadership set up a Hotline: 512-270-1515 for anyone effected by a raid in Austin.
- **Children in Schools: Commissioner Krystal Gomez** – Commission to request Ride Austin to offer a free ride for parents dropping off children at schools during ICE raids at schools - “coupon code”. Vice-Chair Alba Sereno motioned to approve. Commissioner Nicole Merritt seconded. Approved on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Rosalia Austin absent. Immigrant Services Network of Austin offering A Family Planning Tool Kit was developed to help prepare immigrants and their families in case of deportation.
- **Civic Engagement:** Link City of Austin International Welcome website and face book. Vice Chair Alba Sereno will explore information about funding resources for immigrant families in case of deportation. Commissioner Piper Nelson motioned to approve. Commissioner Krystal Gomez seconded. Approved on a 9-1 vote with Commissioner David Vandenberg against and Commissioner Rosalia Austin absent.

B. **Cities United for Immigration Action Update:** written report to follow

C. **Joint Inclusion Commission Update:** next meeting on February 21st

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

- Elect board chair and co-chair
- Workgroups to create a tracking list of related issues to report back to board
- Elect representative for the Joint Inclusion Commission

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

- Commissioner Karen Crawford motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:12 pm
- Commissioner Krystal Gomez seconded
- Approved on a 10-0 vote with Commissioner Rosalia Austin absent

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