



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, April 9, 2018 6:30 PM**  
**Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen Room #1029**  
**301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

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

***The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 at Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen room #1029, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78702***

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

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Krystal Gomez	Walid Kobrosly	Glenn Rosales
Samuel Adair	Nasario Jaimes	Nicole Merritt	
Adrian De La Rosa	Elisse Jean-Pierre	Aditya Rastogi	

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

Pedro Villalobos, *Vice-Chair*  
Montserrat Garibay

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

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:30pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March, 2018
  - Elisse motioned to accept the minutes
  - Glenn seconded the motion.
  - Approved on 8-0 vote with Pedro, Abby, Walid, and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. Discussion on U visas and SB implementation** – Asst. Chief Joseph Chacon, Lt. Christine Chomout, and Sadot Azzura, Office of the Community Liaison.
    - Overview of (written report to follow)
  - B. Officer Election**
    - Nicole motioned to elect Karen as chair
    - Sam seconded the motion
    - Nicole motioned to elect Krystal as vice-chair

- Nasario seconded the motion
- Approved on 11-0 vote with Pedro and Montserrat absent
- C. Guest speaker for next meeting**
  - Staffer from Immigrant Liaison for city San Antonio – Celestino Gallegos
- D. Newsletter**
  - Let Elisse know of any ideas
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. Resolution on Passing Immigration Reform – Adita - Tabled**
  - B. Draft of updated By-Laws draft – Krystal - Tabled**
- 6. STANDING ITEMS**
  - A. Welcoming City Workshops**
    - 1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse: None**
    - 2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn: None**
    - 3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**
      - Draft a resolution for Austin to file a lawsuit against adding citizenship wording on census
    - 4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal: None**
    - 5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen: None**
    - 6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario - None**
    - 7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen - None**
  - B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update: None**
  - C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update: None**
- 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**
  - June is Immigrant Heritage Month – plan a press conference
  - CoIA representative to attend 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity Ramadan Iftar event.
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**
  - Karen adjourned meeting at 8:19 pm

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