



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018 6:30 PM
Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen Room #1029
301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 at Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen room #1029, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, Chair	Adrian De La Rosa	Glenn Rosales
Krystal Gomez, Vice Chair	Nasario Jaimes	
Samuel Adair	Pedro Villalobos	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Montserrat Garibay	Nicole Merritt	Aditya Rastogi
Elisse Jean- Pierre	Walid Kobrosly	

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:44pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 2018
 - Pedro motioned to accept the minutes
 - Adrian seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Montserrat, Elisse, Nicole, Walid, and Aditya absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Presentation from Chris Riley, Austin Public Health, briefing on budget** - (written report forthcoming)
 - B. Guest speakers for next meeting**
 - Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Office of the City Manager
 - Farah Muscadin, Office of the Police Monitor
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Draft of updated By-Laws draft** – Krystal – Postponed permanently
- 6. STANDING ITEMS**

A. Welcoming City Workgroups

- 1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:** No update
- 2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn:**
 - Reach out to following organizations to find out the work they do, if they have any business concerns, and how can the board assist: Communities in Schools, Educate Austin, Catholic Charities of Central Texas, AISD – multi-lingual education system, UT Diversity and Engagement Office, and IDEA public schools
- 3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**
 - Nasario will reach out to Grass Roots Leadership to attend a future meeting
 - Sam will assist Nicole with Facebook maintenance
- 4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal:**
 - Group will reach out to Workers Defense Project, County Attorney’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, APD Liaison, ACLU, and Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
 - Adrian will invite (TAASA) Texas Association Against Sexual Assault as a speaker in December meeting
 - Krystal will represent the board at the Office of Police Monitor Community Meeting
- 5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen:** No update
- 6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario –** No update
- 7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen –** No update

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:

- Public Charge – board to reach out to UT Law School
- Eddie Rodriguez is leading a Texas Coordination
- Nasario and Krystal to draft some comments to forward to city council to present at next meeting

C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:

- Not all commissions received monies for projects
- Pedro and Adrian will draft a recommendation to propose to be considered as a Quality of Life Commission
- Krystal motioned that Nasario to attend meeting every 4th Wednesday of the month
- Sam seconded the motion
- Approved on 7-0 vote with Montserrat, Elisse, Nicole, Walid, and Aditya absent

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Central Texas Census scheduled for September 15th 9am-12pm at Houston-Tillson University

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Karen adjourned meeting at 7:47 pm

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