



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 8, 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, October 8, 2018 at Austin City Hall, Staff Bullpen room #1029, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Board Members not in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, *Chair*
Pedro Villalobos

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH
Darrell Barnett, Executive Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Krystal called to order at 6:34pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 2018
 - Sam motioned to approve the minutes with amendments
 - Nicole seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 10-0 vote with Karen, and Pedro absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Presentation from Farah Muscadin, Office of the Police Monitor, update on the Police Oversight Advisory Working Group** - (written report forthcoming)
 - B. Philadelphia convening in sanctuary cities:**
 - Glenn motioned to accept Nasario as board representative at conference on November 14, 2018

- Nicole seconded the motion.
- Approved on 10-0 vote with Karen, and Pedro absent

C. Guest speakers for next meeting

- Ray Baray, Office of City Manager's Office, briefing on city council resolution on Immigrant Affairs and citizenship fairs
- Nasario to reach out to Grassroots Leadership
- Montserrat to reach out to Leonor Vargas, Family Resource Center at Mendez M.S.

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Draft of updated By-Laws draft – Krystal – Postponed indefinitely

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workgroups

1. Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse:

- Walid plans on having a discussion with Councilman Jimmy Flanagan to request emergency money of \$50,000 to be added to Catholic Charities for families at risk of displacement. He will also ask if there are any city agencies that offer services to refugees and if it is possible to add monies to this group.
- Elisse will attend meeting about the Affordable Housing Bond.

2. Children in Schools –Montserrat, Krystal and Glenn: No update

3. Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:

- Communication systems are in place. Will post community events on Facebook page.

4. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal: Update on the Police Oversight Advisory Working Group

5. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen:

- Meeting with APH on October 17 at 3:30pm for discussion about a collaboration

6. Budget – Nicole, Elisse, Krystal, Glenn, and Aditya, Nasario:

- Nasario will start process to change board's status to Quality of Life Commission
- Request training on how to become a Quality of Life Commission
- Request training on the budget process

7. Welcoming City Office – Nasario, Elisse, and Karen:

- Briefing on meeting with Binh Ly, Austin Public Health. She is tasked with research of other cities with an Office of Immigrant Affairs and learn about best practices to produce a report for city manager. She also was briefed on the citizenship clinics.
- Karen will reach out to Ray Baray of the Office of City Manager to present updates on resolution
- Invite City Manager, Mr. Spenser Cronk

8. Citizenship clinics – USCIS meeting update - Montserrat

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:

- Krystal motioned Nasario to draft comments for proposal on Public Charge Rules
- Nicole seconded the motion.
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Karen, Sam, and Pedro absent
- Comments due within 28 days
- Krystal motioned to approves comments with amendments
- Nicole seconded the motion.
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Karen, Sam, and Pedro absent

C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:

- Nasario announced that there will be a retreat next year for members
- Will have to post a Public Notice if board members want to attend

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Citizenship Drive on October 20, 2018

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Glenn motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm
- Aditya seconded the motion.
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Karen, Sam, and Pedro absent

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