



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 19, 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, November 19, 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	Glenn Rosales
Adrian De La Rosa	Walid Kobrosly	
Montserrat Garibay	Nicole Merritt	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Aditya Rastogi
Samuel Adair	Pedro Villalobos
Nasario Jaimes	

Staff in Attendance:

Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Krystal called to order at 6:46pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 2018
 - Nicole motioned to approve the minutes with amendments
 - Montserrat seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Karen, Samuel, Nasario, Aditya, and Pedro absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Presentation from Binh Ly, Austin Public Health, briefing on the resolution on Office of Immigrant Affairs** - (written report forthcoming)
 - B. Presentation from JOLT:** (written report forthcoming)
 - C. Presentation from Grassroots Leadership** - no show
 - D. Guest speakers – next meeting: Leoner Vargas, Parent Support Specialist with AISD and (TAASA) Texans Against Sexual Assault**

5. **OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. **Briefing on Philadelphia convening in sanctuary conference - Nasario** – Tabled for next meeting

6. **STANDING ITEMS**
 - A. **Welcoming City Workgroups**
 1. **Affordable Housing – Walid and Elisse: update on request for additional funding for refugees/meeting with Councilman Jimmy Flanagan** – tabled for next meeting **and update on the Affordable Housing Bond meeting – Elisse** – board will create a list of barriers amongst immigrants that prohibits them access to affordable housing.
 2. **Civic Engagement – Elisse, Nicole, Samuel, and Nasario:**
 - Discussion on community concerns about De-Naturalization and create a system on how to disseminate information on subject matter.
 3. **Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal: Update on the work by the Police Oversight Advisory Working Group** - Tabled for next meeting
 4. **Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen: Update about festival and collaboration with Austin Public Health**
 - “Fiesta de Salud” scheduled for May 4, 2019 10am-1pm at Gus Garcia Recreation Center in partnership with Austin Public Health
 5. **Citizenship clinics – USCIS meeting update - Montserrat**
 - Last citizenship drive scheduled for November 10, 2018
 - B. **Cities United for Immigration Action Update:**
 - **Briefing on proposal comments for Public Charge Rule – Nasario** – Tabled for next meeting
 - C. **Joint Inclusion Commission Update: Nasario** – Tabled for next meeting

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**
 - **Welcoming City Office workgroup:** reach out to commissions in other cities and find out what was done to support the creation of a Welcoming City Office, refocus on the initiatives, research the Gateway for Growth, and follow up with City Councilperson, Delia Garza for update
 - **Tasks list** – new agenda item

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - Nicole motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:17pm
 - Elisse seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 7-0 vote with Karen, Samuel, Nasario, Aditya, and Pedro absent