



## **Commission on Immigrant Affairs**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2019 6:30 PM  
Austin Public Library, Terrazas Branch Room #1  
1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702**

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

*The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at Austin Public Library, Terrazas Branch room #1, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702*

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

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Adrian De La Rosa	Nicole Merritt
Sam Adair	Walid Kobrosly	Glenn Rosales
Krystal Gomez, <i>Vice-Chair</i>		

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

Montserrat Garibay	Aditya Rastogi
Nasario Jaimes	Pedro Villalobos
Elisse Jean-Pierre	

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

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:52pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – None
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 2018
  - Nicole motioned to approve the minutes with amendments
  - Walid seconded the motion.
  - Approved on 7-0 vote with Monserrat, Nasario, Aditya, Elisse, and Pedro absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
  - A. Year 2019 Meeting schedule**
    - Krystal motioned to approve meeting on the first Monday/month at City Hall
    - Sam seconded the motion.

- Approved on 6-1 vote with Monserrat, Nasario, Aditya, Elisse, and Pedro absent and Walid opposed
- Karen motioned to approve Plan B – meet on the second Monday/month at A.K. Black Bldg./City of Austin at 928 Blackson Ave., Austin, 78752
- Sam seconded the motion.
- Approved on 7-0 vote with Monserrat, Nasario, Aditya, Elisse, and Pedro absent

**B. Guest speakers – next meeting:**

- possibly (TAASA) Texans Against Sexual Assault, Adrian will confirm
- Ryan Robison, City of Austin Demographer
- Happiness Kisoso - IT Business Systems Analyst Senior, Communications Technology Management (CTM)

**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**
  - Walid unsuccessfully requested funds to be granted and channeled through Caritas of Austin for Housing assistance for refugees.

**and update on the Affordable Housing Bond meeting – Elisse** – Tabled until next meeting
- 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. - Delete**
- 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 – Tabled until next meeting**
- 5. Welcoming City Office – briefing on the work of other city commissions and the “Welcoming City Office,” revisit this initiative – Krystal, Adrian, and Nicole**
  - Adrian contacted Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities/Mr. Terrance Neal will forward information on moving forward on an Office of Immigrant Affairs

**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:** Legislative updates

**9. Tasks list:**

- Krystal to readout to Girl Forward for a presentation at a future meeting, will reach out to other local commissions who have, will present on OPM report, will reach out to Angela-Jo Touza, Medina, ex-chair of CoIA board for guidance on “Welcoming City Initiatives”
- Karen will reach out to Ryan Robins, City of Austin demographer for future presentation, send out reminders to board members of re-appointment
- Adrian will follow-up with TAASA for future presentation, and will reach out to other commissions for support with “Welcoming City” initiatives
- Nicole will contact Northwest Recreation Center for support of monthly board meetings (if needed), research on the Gateways to Growth Grant, and meet with Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, ex-chair of CoIA board for guidance on “Welcoming City Initiatives”
- Glenn will reach out to Catholic Charities for presentation of services at future meeting

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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