



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2019 6:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers
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, April 1, 2019 at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i>	Montserrat Garibay	Nicole Merritt
Krystal Gomez, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Rennison Lalgee	Joseph Ramirez-
Sam Adair	Kate Lincoln-	Hernandez
Adrian De La Rosa	Goldfinch	Glenn Rosales

Board Members not in Attendance:

Walid Kobrosly

Staff in Attendance:

Darrell Barnett, Executive Staff Liaison/APH

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – Grassroots Leadership, Rebecca Sanchez and Alicia Torres shared information about APD/ICE interaction, having interpretation of City Council Meetings, increasing legal services funding, and fair administration of justice/ending over-policing.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 2019

4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Presentation from Shannon Elder of GirlForward (written report forthcoming)

B. Presentation from Houmma Garba of community Engagement Division/City of Austin on Language Access Program (written report forthcoming)

C. Community Budget Forum updating and planning

- The Commission reviewed the different ideas that were discussed at the community budget forum on March 30th and decided on budget recommendations. We voted to hold a special called meeting on April 29th at 6:30pm to vote on recommendations, and to cancel the May 6th regular board meeting.

D. Guest speakers – next meeting

- Future presenters: American Gateways, Grassroots Leadership, and Austin 2020

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Workforce & Economic Development workgroup – we'll discuss assigning new members

- Nicole and Joseph to participate in this workgroup

6. STANDING ITEMS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Updates from Welcoming City Workgroups

1. Public Safety – Karen, Adrian, Montserrat, and Krystal

- Karen will lead group
- Kate will join workgroup

2. Welcoming City Office – Krystal, Adrian, and Nicole

- Briefing on the work of other city commissions and the “Welcoming City Office” – no update
- Briefing on Gateways to Growth Grant – no update
- Briefing on meeting with Angela Jo Touza-Medina about the “Welcoming City Initiatives” 2015
- Angela Jo referred board members to Rachel Coff from Travis County. It was decided to wait to revisit the report at a later date due to lack of resources to survey the community.
- Karen will join workgroup
- Joseph will join Affordable Housing workgroup
- Krystal will join Civic Engagement workgroup

3. Legislative updates – Krystal – no update

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

9. Tasks list:

10. ADJOURNMENT

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