



## COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Monday, February 1, 2021 6:30 PM

**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

### Meeting Minutes

#### Board Members in Attendance:

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

#### Board Members not in Attendance:

<i>Banafsheh Madaninejad</i>	<i>Glenn Rosales</i>
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#### Staff in Attendance:

Sinying Chan, Staff Liaison & Health Equity Unit Program Coordinator/APH

### CALL TO ORDER

- 1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – August 3, 2020; December 17, 2020
  - Sam moved to approve August minutes; Adrian seconded; all in favor
  - Correction on Rennison’s attendance in December meeting; Montserrat moved to approve December minutes; Kate seconded; all in favor
- 2. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:**
  - A. Edna Yang, American Gateways, information on successes with the City and immigration legal services funding**
    - The current City of Austin funding of \$210,000 supports 1.65 full time employees (FTE) and the work is split between 3 attorneys; handling 183 direct representation cases; has been meeting the promised number 4<sup>th</sup> year into the contract with the City
    - With additional funding, American Gateways will be able to hire 3 FTE with supporting staff
  - B. Consideration of and vote on resolution in support of City of Austin Legislative agenda**
    - Should be recommendation, not resolution



- Nicole moved to approve; Krystal seconded; all in favor
- C. Vote on 2021 meeting dates and times**
  - Vote to move meeting to first Monday of each month, except July and September
  - For July, will be on 7/5; for September, will be on 9/6
  - Sam moved to approve; Montserrat seconded
  - Discussion on having the meeting during daytime; most commissioners cannot; Rennison suggested meeting at 5 or 5:30 pm
  - Karen will check with City Hall regarding availability
- E. Vote on sending a commissioner to Quarterly Consultations of Refugee Services of Texas (Lauren Hargraves will introduce this); Immigrant Services Network of Austin; identify other meetings we should attend**
  - Rennison volunteered to attend Quarterly Round Table; Nicole moved to approve; Adrian seconded; all in favor
  - Sam volunteered to attend Immigrant Services Network of Austin meetings; Krystal moved to approve; Montserrat seconded; all in favor
- F. Compassion Contract**
  - Table to next month; Joint Inclusion Committee hasn't met
- G. Report back from Resilience is Community meeting (Juan)**
  - Juan was not able to attend the meeting

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. City budget – update on and discussion of planning of community budget forums**
  - 3 forums coming in February, commissioners should inform their communities, budget workgroup members will attend the forums and prepare recommendations
  - Will vote on recommendations at our March meeting

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- LBJ School of Public Affairs, latest findings on immigrant incorporation
- April elections

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – lawsuit against Biden Administration over deportation moratorium

**ADJOURNMENT**



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