



**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)
May 21, 2021 at 3:00 pm
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

CURRENT COMMISSION MEMBERS:

*Prabhu Kannan
Brigham Morris
Errol Hardin
Eugene Schneider
Erin Dempsey
Luis Gonzalez
Dr. Sterling Lands*

*Hoang Le
Shaina Kambo
Sara Inés Calderón
Selina Yee
Christina Puentes
Whitney Finch
Place holder*

Members Present

Prabhu Kannan
Brigham Morris
Eugene Schneider
Luis Gonzalez
Dr. Sterling Lands
Hoang Le
Shaina Kambo
Sara Inés Calderón
Selina Yee
Christina Puentes
Erin Dempsey

Members Absent

Errol Hardin
Whitney Finch

Staff Members Present

Matthew Dugan
Lisa Rodriguez

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Dugan called the meeting to order at 3:03pm with 9 members present. Commissioners Lands and Dempsey joined late, and Commissioner Morris left the meeting at 3:59pm.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers who register to speak no later than noon the day before the meeting will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

Mr. Peck Young, Chair of the Austin NAACP Committee on City of Austin Redistricting, addressed the board.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On Commissioner Gonzalez's motion, Commissioner Schneider's second the April 9, 2021, meeting minutes were approved unanimously. On Commissioner Calderon's motion, Commissioner Gonzalez's second, the April 23, 2021, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2. OLD BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

- A. Discuss ICRC's mission and purpose: Caroline Webster, City Law Department

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

- B. Selection of remaining commissioner

Following nominations and discussion, on Commissioner Calderon's motion, Commissioner Puentes's second, Joshua Blank was selected as the final member of the ICRC.

- C. Select an interim Chair and Vice Chair

On Commissioner Calderon's motion, Commissioner Kannan's second, Commissioner Puentes was approved as interim Chair of the commission. On Commissioner Calderon's motion, Commissioner Kannan's second, Commissioner Gonzalez was approved as interim Vice Chair of the commission.

- D. Housekeeping matters, including resources on the City of Austin website, ICRC member contact information, staff support, and scheduling future meetings

Discussion occurred.

3. NEW BUSINESS

The ICRC may discuss and take action on the following agenda items

- A. Texas Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act, and City Charter No-Contact Period: Caroline Webster, City Law Department

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

- B. Establish a Working Group to consider and recommend hiring staff

On Commissioner Calderon's motion, Commissioner Kannan's second, the ICRC Working Group on Hiring was formed, with Commissioners Gonzalez, Puentes, Dempsey, Calderon and Yee volunteering to serve.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Dugan adjourned the meeting at 4:24pm without objection.

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