



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
JULY 7, 2025, 6:30 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W 2nd Street
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Some members of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs may be participating by videoconference.

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely or in person, contact Gunjen Mittal at gunjen.mittal@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-6104.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS:

Melissa Ortega, *Chair*

Miriam Dorantes, *Vice-Chair*

Adrian De La Rosa

Azeem Edwin

Alondra Johnson

Aditi Joshi

Jeanne “Canan” Kaba

Diane Kanawati

Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch

Meghana Roy

Yohana Saucedo

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs regular meeting on June 2, 2025.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding updates on the procurement process and budget of the Quality-of-Life Study by Alejandra Mireles, Equity and Inclusion Program Coordinator and Jeremy Garza, Business Process Consultant – Equity Division, Office of Equity and Inclusion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Welcome new Commissioners to Commission on Immigrant Affairs.
4. Update on the most recent Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) meeting held in June 2025, as it relates to the Commission on Immigrant Affairs.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the 2024-2025 Annual Internal Review Report.
6. Approve updates to the membership of the Quality-of-Life Working Group. (Working Group Members: Chair Melissa Ortega, Commissioners Alondra Johnson, Aditi Joshi, Jeanne C Kaba; Community Stakeholders: Karen Crawford, Krystal Gomez, Oscar Ponce, and Kirk Yoshida).
7. Approve updates to the membership of the Budget Working Group. (Working Group Members: Chair Melissa Ortega, Vice Chair Miriam Dorantes, and Commissioner Alondra Johnson).
8. Approve the amendments to Article 3 section A of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs bylaws regarding membership as proposed by the Audit and Finance Committee.
9. Approve the selection of a representative from the Commission on Immigrant Affairs to speak at the July 21st LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission meeting regarding how the LGBTQ Quality of Life Advisory Commission can support immigrant communities in Austin.
10. Approve a budget Recommendation to Council to provide additional funding for community investment priorities that include disaster relief, disaster preparedness, immigration support, and an expansion of equity and inclusion programming.
11. Approve a Recommendation to Council to create a fund that supports the families of those separated by ICE raids with the funds being used to assist the affected family members with legal aide and mental healthcare access.
12. Approve a Recommendation to Council to increase funding for Academia Cuauhtli, a community-based education initiative focused on serving Austin's immigrant and Spanish-speaking communities through culturally and linguistically sustaining programming.
13. Approve a Recommendation to Council to create an emergency fund for Austin Public Health to sustain the public health infrastructure due to recent budget cuts as it relates to programs that supports immigrant communities.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

14. Update from the Quality-of-Life Working Group regarding the Quality-of-Life Study Budget Recommendation approved on June Commission on Immigrant Affairs meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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