COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 310 W 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Dorantes called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Commissioners in Attendance:
Miriam Dorantes, *Chair*

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:
Alondra Johnson, *Vice Chair*
Adrian De La Rosa
Azeem Edwin
Aditi Joshi
Jeanne Kaba
Wilson Ramirez
Meghna Roy

Commissioners Absent:
Diane Kanawati
Melissa Ortega
Caroline Solis

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs Regular Meeting on July 6th, 2026.

   The minutes of the August 3rd, 2026 regular meeting of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs was approved during the regular October 5, 2026 meeting on Chair Dorantes' motion, Commissioner Ramirez's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Edwin was off dais. Commissioners Kanawati, Ortega, and Solis were absent.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Create a list of questions and discussion items for City of Austin Departments for future presentations.
   Discussed.

3. Discussion on the strategic impact of the commission (organizations you want to invite, recommendations you want to pass, and discussions you think are necessary to have publicly.)
   Discussed.

4. Discussion on emergency relief funding and resources due to detentions resulting in family separation.
   Discussed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

5. Approve the 2027 Annual Meeting Schedule of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs.
   The motion to approve the 2027 annual meeting schedule of the Commission on Immigrant Affairs was approved on Commissioner Ramirez's motion, Commissioner Edwin's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Kanawati, Ortega, and Solis were absent.

6. Approve a Recommendation to Council to recognize the recent APD shooting and create supportive measures to provide public accountability.
   The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council to recognize the recent APD shooting and create supportive measures to provide public accountability was approved on Chair Dorantes' motion, Commissioner Edwin's second on an 8-0 vote. Commissioners Kanawati, Ortega, and Solis were absent.

7. Approve a Recommendation to Council to support the family and community affected by the September 20, 2026 shooting.
   The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council to support the family and community affected by the September 20, 2026 shooting was approved on a 7-0 vote on Commissioner Ramirez's motion, Commissioner Edwin's second. Commissioner De La Rosa abstained. Commissioners Kanawati, Ortega, and Solis were absent.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee representative regarding the August meeting of the JIC.
   Discussed.

9. Update from Quality-of-Life Study Working group regarding recent meetings and study progress. (Current Members: Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioners: Edwin, Kaba, Kanawati, Joshi, and Ortega)
   Discussed.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

-Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Eviction experts AISD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm on Chair Dorantes motion with no objection.

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