



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Monday, September 8, 2014 6:30 PM
Terrazas Branch Library Room #B
1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas, 78702**

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Monday September 8, 2014, at Terrazas Branch Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Room #B, Austin, Texas, 78702.

<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
<i>Peter Shen, Chair</i>	<i>Pranav Parekh</i>
<i>Angela-JoTouza-Medina, Co-Chair</i>	
<i>Nancy L. Lobato</i>	
<i>Sandra Molinari</i>	
<i>Julius Okelo</i>	
<i>Mark Hand</i>	

Liaison: Connie H. Gonzales

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** *by Co Chair, Angela Jo Touza-Medina @ 6:30pm*
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**
 - A.** UAC Task Force, Immigrant Services Network of Austin - *report forthcoming*
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *July 2014 - Approved on a 5-0 vote with Chair, Peter Shen absent*
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A.** George Miller, Central Health - *report forthcoming*
- 5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A.** Welcoming City Initiative
 - *The taskforce are solidifying the survey questions and focus group questions by representatives from INSA, Economic Growth and Development, HHSD, Victims Services, Caritas, and CoIA. Capital Metro is the latest partner, who has agreed to advertise the "Welcoming Cities" on 25 of the buses. Funds have been committed by the HHSD. The group is in the process of securing a fiscal agent for procurement. Summit will properly be a two day event. The monies from the HHSD will support the summit and the monies from EGD will support everything leading up to the event such as the survey, community engagement, and advertisement. There will be meetings with stakeholders, immigrants, and Austin Community*

at large, businesses, funders, government entities, service providers, and elected officials. One of the goals or ending results of the summit will be to identify what existing ordinances are in place that may inhibit immigrants accessing and benefiting completely to what Austin has to offer as a Welcoming City. Next meeting is on September 16, 2014 2:30pm.

B. Immigration Restrictions on TBRA Vouchers

- *Recommendation #20140908-005B - approved on a 6-0 vote.*

C. Review of meeting protocols - Connie to forward the Robin's Rules of Order and board to review and discuss at next meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. September 17, 2014- One Human Race – Welcoming America Festival at AARC
 - *Launching the “Welcoming Cities Initiative”*
- B. Next month's meeting: October 20, 2014 @ 6:30pm @ Terrazas Branch Library
 - *Correction: October 13, 2014 @ 6:30pm @ Terrazas Branch Library*

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

8. ADJOURNMENT

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