



Commission on Immigrant Affairs

**Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019 6:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers
1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702**

Approved Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019 at City Hall, Council Chambers, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

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| Karen Crawford, <i>Chair</i> | Adrian De La Rosa | Elisse Jean-Pierre |
| Krystal Gomez, <i>Vice-Chair</i> | Montserrat Garibay | Nicole Merritt |
| Sam Adair | Walid Kobrosly | Pedro Villalobos |

Board Members not in Attendance:

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| Nasario Jaimes | Aditya Rastogi |
| Glenn Rosales | |

Staff in Attendance:

Darrell Barnett, Executive Staff Liaison/APH
Connie H. Gonzales, Staff Liaison/APH

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Karen called to order at 6:36pm
- 2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** – Genoveva Rodriguez with Office of Police Oversight, COA (written report forthcoming)
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 2019
 - Walid motioned to approve the minutes
 - Sam seconded the motion.
 - Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent
- 4. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**
 - A. Presentation from Happiness Kisoso, IT Business Systems Analyst Senior, Communications Technology Management (CTM) – Immigrants work initiative** (written report forthcoming)

B. Presentation from Angela Sommers, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD) – update on FY 2019-23 Consolidated Plan and FY2019-2020 Action Plan (written report forthcoming)

C. Guest speakers – next meeting:

- Shannon Elder, Girl forward Organization
- Houmma Garba, City of Austin Community Engagement – Language Access Program

5. OLD BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Briefing on Philadelphia convening in sanctuary conference - Nasario – Tabled indefinitely

6. STANDING ITEMS

A. Welcoming City Workgroups

- 1. Public Safety - Karen, Pedro, Abby, Aditya, Montserrat, and Krystal: Update on the work by the Police Oversight Advisory Working Group - Tabled for next meeting**
- 2. Immigrant Heritage Festival – Elisse, Sam, Nicole, Krystal, and Karen: Update about festival and collaboration with Austin Public Health – Fiesta de Salud/HealthFest 2019 scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 11am-2pm at the Gus Garcia Recreation Center**
- 3. Welcoming City Office – Krystal, Adrian, and Nicole**
 - **Briefing on the work of other city commissions and the “Welcoming City Office” – Tabled until next meeting**
 - **Briefing on Gateways to Growth Grant - Tabled until next meeting**
 - **Briefing on meeting with Angela Jo Touza-Medina about the “Welcoming City Initiatives” 2015 - Tabled until next meeting**
- 4. Legislative updates – Krystal shared information about the upcoming hearing about the Secretary of State’s releasing of a list of alleged noncitizen voters**

B. Cities United for Immigration Action Update:

- **Briefing on proposal comments for Public Charge Rule – Nasario – Tabled indefinitely**
- Karen nominated Sam as board representative
- Nicole seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent
- Krystal motioned to recreate the Workforce and Economic Development workgroup
- Karen seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent
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C. Joint Inclusion Commission Update:

- Krystal nominated Karen as board representative
- Sam seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent
- Karen nominated Krystal as alternate board representative
- Pedro seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent
- Karen nominated Krystal to attend the retreat on the budget forums
- Nicole seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent

- Nicole nominated Krystal to attend and decide at retreat which forum the group would attend or if would plan its own
- Pedro seconded the motion
- Approved on 9-0 vote with Nasario, Aditya, and Glenn absent

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Elisse to resign but will continue to assist with Heritage Festival
- Aditya to resign
- Pedro to resign
- Citizenship drive on March 30th

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:

- Legislative updates
- Board member assignments for new Workforce and Economic Development

9. Tasks list:

- Krystal will attend Joint Inclusion retreat on the budget forums
- Karen will attend Joint Inclusion Commission meeting on 4th Wednesday
- Adrian will follow-up with TAASA for future presentation, and will reach out to other commissions for support with “Welcoming City” initiatives
- Nicole meet with Angela-Jo Touza-Medina, ex-chair of CoIA board for guidance on “Welcoming City Initiatives”

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

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