



COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Monday, May 3, 2021 5:30 PM

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Krystal Gomez, Chair

Karen Crawford

Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez

Nicole Merritt, Vice Chair

Adrian De La Rosa

Rennison Lalgee

Juan Vences-Benitez

Board Members not in Attendance:

Montserrat Garibay

Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch

Glenn Rosales

Staff in Attendance:

Sinying Chan, Staff Liaison & Health Equity Unit Program Coordinator/APH

CALL TO ORDER

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 1, 2021; April 5, 2021

- Nicole moved to postpone March and April minutes to the end of meeting; Karen seconded; all in favor
- March and April minutes were reviewed at the end of the meeting
- Karen moved to approve March minutes with one edit; Nicole seconded; all in favor
- Nicole moved to approve April minutes with edits; Adrian seconded; all in favor

2. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

A. Update from Rocio Villalobos on her work with the Equity Office

- Presenter was not able to present due to scheduling conflict

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Budget updates

- All budget recommendations are uploaded and submitted. Currently in a holding pattern

B. Report back from ISNA and the RST quarterly consultations

- Nothing to report back from ISNA as Sam was not reappointed as commissioner



- Nothing to report back from RST
- Karen moved to have Juan to be the representative of ISNA; Adrian seconded; all in favor

C. Joint Inclusion Committee meeting update – Karen

- Karen was elected Vice Chair of the Joint Inclusion Committee
- For budget, JIC approved a proposal of internet broadband connecting the city; it also voted to endorse a couple of the budget recommendations from the Commission on Immigrant Affairs – legal services funding and summer camps; will vote on the healthcare navigator recommendation at next meeting
- For Compassion Contract, it is still being worked on; waiting on guidance from the Office of the City Manager; Karen will forward more details to other commissioners

D. Update of Texas Legislative session – Krystal

- There were some anti-immigration bills that would not be passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Vote on the representative to attend Austin Public Health Asian Pacific Islander Task Force meetings
- Updates from Rocio Villalobos including municipal ID
- The impacts of Prop B on the immigrant community
- Updates from APD
- The status on certifying Austin as a welcoming city
- Vaccine accessibility and reliable information for both documented and undocumented immigrants; and what IDs are acceptable
- Strategic planning meeting for the commission

ANNOUNCEMENT

ADJOURNMENT

- Karen moved to adjourn; Nicole seconded; all in favor



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