



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
1155 Market Street, 4th Floor Conference Room
April 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm PDT**

Overview: Members of the Commission will attend this meeting in person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely using Webex or by calling the phone number and entering the access code above. Everyone attending the meeting in person is encouraged to wear a mask throughout the meeting.

Each member of the public, whether attending remotely or in person, may address the Commission for up to two minutes. Public speakers using consecutive interpretation assistance will be allowed to speak for twice the amount of the time. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item. In addition to in-person public comment, the Commission will hear up to 20 minutes of remote public comment on each agenda item. The Commission will hear remote public comment on each item in the order that commenters add themselves to the queue to comment on the item. Because of the 20-minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to disability will not count toward the 20-minute limit.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Kennelly called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Executive Committee members Chair Kennelly, Vice Chair Paz, Commissioners Ricarte, Souza; Commissioner Chaudhary.

OCEIA Staff Present: Director Rivas, Operations and Grants Administrator Chan, Clerk Shore.

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

This item is to allow the Commission Chair to acknowledge that the Commission is on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

Chair Kennelly read the land acknowledgment statement.

3. General Public Comment

This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on today's agenda.

There was no general public comment.

4. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Approval of March 29, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's Executive Committee meeting of March 29, 2023. Explanatory Document: [IRC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - March 29, 2023](#)

Commissioner Souza motioned to approve the March 29, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Paz. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The minutes were approved unanimously by the four Executive Committee members present.

5. Discussion/Action Items

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Update on Special Hearing on LGBTQ Immigrants (Commissioner Latt)
This item allows Commissioner Latt and OCEIA staff to discuss plans for the May 8, 2023 special hearing on LGBTQ immigrants.

Director Rivas provided an update on the special hearing on LGBTQ immigrants. Commissioners are encouraged to invite community members.

- b. Scheduling/Planning of 2023 IRC Retreat and Officer Elections
Discussion and possible action by Chair Kennelly to plan for the 2023 IRC Retreat and Officer Elections rescheduled to May 17, 2023.

Chair Kennelly discussed the upcoming IRC retreat and elections, and Executive Committee members confirmed their attendance.

- c. Immigrant Leadership Awardees (Commissioners Ricarte and Obregon)
This item allows Commissioners Ricarte and Obregon to present the list of nominees recommended by the Awards Committee and allows the Executive Committee to discuss the recommendations, make any final changes to the list, and finalize and vote on the 2023 Immigrant Leadership Awardees.

Commissioner Ricarte provided an overview of the Awards Committee's recommendations, and Director Rivas and Commissioners discussed them. Chair Kennelly motioned to add an awardee, defer approval of an awardee pending

information from the City Attorney, and approve the remaining recommendations. Vice Chair Paz seconded the motion. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this agenda item. The motion passed with three votes in favor (Chair Kennelly, Vice Chair Paz, and Commissioner Souza) and one vote against (Commissioner Ricarte).

- d. Immigrant Leadership Awards Planning (Commissioner Ricarte and OCEIA Staff)
This item allows Commissioner Ricarte and OCEIA staff to discuss planning for the Immigrant Leadership Awards event on June 12, 2023.

Commissioner Ricarte and Director Rivas provided an overview of planning for the Immigrant Leadership Awards. Commissioners will be asked to bring at least five guests and to invite community members. Commissioners can contact Director Rivas with information on possible sponsors for food, beverages, and performances. Commissioner Ricarte suggested that the awardees from the two virtual awards ceremonies be recognized at the in-person event. Chair Kennelly suggested that they be recognized as a group and pose for a photograph with the Awards Co-Chairs and Director Rivas.

- e. Follow-up Actions on Advocacy Related to Immigrant Workers at Risk of Losing Visas (Commissioner Chaudhary)
This item allows the Executive Committee to provide updates and next steps regarding the draft statement by Commissioner Chaudhary on immigrant workers at risk of losing their visas. On February 13, 2023, the Full Commission voted to issue a statement. On March 29, 2023, the Executive Committee discussed the draft statement and Chair Kennelly asked Commissioners to provide their feedback electronically.

Commissioner Chaudhary discussed her draft statement and Executive Committee members provided feedback and suggested edits. Commissioner Chaudhary will edit the statement with the recommended changes. The Executive Committee deferred a vote on the statement until they receive the final version.

- f. Proposed Resolutions on California Domestic Workers Bill SB-686 (Commissioner Souza)
This item allows the Executive Committee to provide an update on Commissioner Souza's proposed resolution on SB-686. On March 29, 2023, the Executive Committee voted to issue a resolution in support of SB-686, following edits by the Executive Committee and OCEIA staff; the Executive Committee will provide edits and comments.

Commissioner Souza provided an overview of her draft resolution, and Executive Committee members made suggested edits. Commissioner Souza will submit the edited version to OCEIA staff. Chair Kennelly motioned that the Commission issue the

resolution after making the edits, seconded by Commissioner Souza. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved unanimously by the four Executive Committee members present (Chair Kennelly, Vice Chair Paz, Commissioners Ricarte and Souza).

- g. Proposed Resolution on Federal Immigration Reform (Commissioner Souza)
This item allows the Executive Committee to provide an update on Commissioner Souza's proposed resolution on immigration reform. On March 29, 2023, the Executive Committee discussed Commissioner Souza's proposed resolution on immigration reform; Commissioner Souza will edit the resolution to highlight DACA.

Commissioner Souza discussed her draft resolution and Executive Committee members made suggestions, including references to DACA and proposed legislation. Commissioner Souza will submit a draft with amended language.

- h. Follow-up Actions from IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco (Commissioner Souza)
Discussion and possible action to plan follow-up actions on the Commission's September 12, 2022 hearing on immigrant perspectives on housing in San Francisco. On March 29, 2023, Chair Kennelly asked Executive Committee members to review the draft report and recommendations and provide their feedback to Commissioner Souza.

Director Rivas recommended restructuring the report to keep the introduction and recommendations, and to add the official minutes as an addendum. In response to a question from Commissioner Ricarte, Commissioner Souza stated that the recommendations have not yet been reviewed by the Full Commission.

- i. Advocacy Related to Proposed Changes to City Sanctuary Policies
This item allows the Executive Committee to discuss proposed changes to San Francisco's sanctuary policies, discuss actions the IRC can take, and take possible action. This is a follow-up to the Executive Committee's discussion at its February 22, 2023 meeting, when Chair Kennelly and Vice Chair Paz volunteered to draft a statement.

Chair Kennelly deferred this item to the next Executive Committee meeting.

6. Staff Reports (Information)

- a. Director's Updates

Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide brief updates on activities and announcements. If the Commission would like a full report, we can place that matter on the agenda for a future meeting.

Director Rivas provided updates on OCEIA and IRC activities. The DreamSF host site applications are due Friday and Commissioners are encouraged to share with their networks. The request for proposals for translation and interpretation closes on May 1, 2023. The next Full Commission meetings are the special hearing on LGBTQ immigrants on May 8, 2023, and the IRC strategic planning retreat on May 17, 2023. The May 24, 2023 Executive Committee meeting will include an agenda item on the Immigrant Leadership Awards. Director Rivas will keep the Commission informed about the proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance.

7. Old and New Business
(Information)

This item is to allow Commissioners to provide updates on items the Commission has previously discussed, and to introduce new agenda items for future consideration by the Commission.

There was no old or new business.

8. Adjournment

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.