



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

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

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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 5:40 p.m.

Present: Chair Kennelly, Vice Chair Paz, Commissioner Souza.

Not present: Commissioner Ricarte (excused).

OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Clerk Shore, Grants and Operations and Grants Administrator Chan.

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 public comment.

4. Action Item: Approval of previous minutes

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Approval of May 31, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's Executive Committee meeting of May 31, 2023. Explanatory Document: [Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 31, 2023](#)

Vice Chair Paz motioned to approve the May 31, 2023 Executive Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Souza. The motion was approved by the three Commissioners present.

5. Discussion/Action Items

(Discussion/Action)

- a. Proposed Amendments to Language Access Ordinance
This item allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action on potential/proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance.

Chair Kennelly and Director Rivas spoke at the July 26, 2023 press conference on the proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance. Director Rivas and Chair Kennelly thanked OCEIA staff for their work on the press conference. The Executive Committee discussed the proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance. Director Rivas will share them with the Full Commission to discuss at their September meeting. Commissioners may also request an individual briefing on the Language Access Ordinance with Policy and Civic Engagement Officer Noonan.

- b. Planning for Special Hearing on Workforce Development
This item allows the Executive Committee to discuss scheduling and planning for a hearing on workforce development. This is a follow-up action from the May 17, 2023 IRC Strategic Planning Retreat to address the two priority areas identified by the Commission: support for DACA recipients and asylum seekers.

Commissioner Souza reviewed plans for the special hearing, and Commissioners provided input on suggested speakers.

- c. Follow-Up Actions from Special Hearing on LGBTQ Immigrants (Commissioner Latt)
This item allows Commissioner Latt and Executive Committee members to discuss developing recommendations for City officials and/or other follow-up actions from the May 8, 2023 special hearing on LGBTQ immigrants.

This item was deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting.

- d. Proposed Resolution on Immigration Reform (Commissioner Souza)
This item allows Commissioner Souza to update the Executive Committee on her latest draft of the proposed resolution in support of immigration reform.

Commissioner Souza discussed the updates she made to the draft resolution, including the addition of H.R. 1511. Chair Kennelly motioned to issue the resolution, seconded by Vice Chair Paz. The motion was approved by the three Commissioners present. OCEIA staff will edit the resolution.

- e. Follow-up Actions from IRC Hearing on Immigrant Perspectives on Housing in San Francisco (Commissioner Souza)
This item allows Commissioner Souza to update the Executive Committee on her latest draft of the report on the IRC's hearing on housing. During the April 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting, Director Rivas asked Commissioner Souza to restructure the report so that it begins with the introduction and recommendations, followed by the minutes from the hearing as an addendum.

Commissioner Souza will provide an updated draft at the next Executive Committee meeting.

6. Chair Reports (Information)

a. Scheduling of Upcoming Hearings

This item allows the Chair to provide updates on scheduling of upcoming hearings. The August 14, 2023 hearing has been canceled, and the next hearing is scheduled for September 11, 2023. The hearing originally scheduled for October 9, 2023 will be rescheduled due to the holiday.

Chair Kennelly noted that August 14, 2023 hearing has been canceled, and the next Full Commission hearing is scheduled for September 11, 2023. The Executive Committee will

continue to meet in August and September. Due to the October 9 holiday, the Commission's October meeting will be rescheduled. Commissioners discussed rescheduling the meeting to October 30, 2023 and canceling the November 13, 2023 meeting. OCEIA staff will confirm the availability of a City Hall meeting room for October 30, 2023.

7. 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 thanked Chair Kennelly and Vice Chair Paz for joining the press conference on the proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance. OCEIA staff has provided Commissioners with links to the Sunshine Ordinance and Ethics trainings.

b. Reappointment Hearings for Board-Appointed Commissioners

Six Board-appointed Commissioners are up for reappointment by the Board of Supervisors as of June 6, 2023. Commissioners are encouraged to reapply as soon as possible.

Director Rivas reminded Commissioners to reapply for their seats on the Commission.

8. 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.

Chair Kennelly stated that she and Vice Chair Paz would like to work on a statement on the San Francisco Chronicle's series on Honduran drug dealers.

9. Adjournment

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

