



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1155 Market Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
August 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm PDT**

**Online:** <https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/j.php?MTID=me81124142e4de8472216d1c9a43b9d74>

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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 5:44 p.m.

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

Not present: Commissioner Ricarte (excused).

OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Clerk Shore, 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 July 26, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's Executive Committee meeting of July 26, 2023. Explanatory Document: [Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – July 26, 2023](#)

Commissioner Souza motioned to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2023 Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Paz. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item.

**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 proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance, and to plan for the Commission's September 11, 2023 hearing, when Commissioners can share their input and recommendations.

Director Rivas and Commissioners discussed the proposed amendments to the Language Access Ordinance. Director Rivas has shared the proposed amendments with Commissioners, and invited Supervisor Walton's Office to present the amendments at the September 11, 2023 Full Commission meeting. OCEIA staff are also available if Commissioners would like individual briefings on the Language Access Ordinance.

- 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 has updated the outline for the upcoming hearing. The next step will be inviting 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. OCEIA staff has compiled community members' recommendations from the hearing.

Commissioner Latt presented the Commission's recommendations from its May 8, 2023 hearing on LGBTQIA+ immigrants, and thanked OCEIA staff for their work putting together the recommendations and drafting the document. Chair Kennelly suggested that the letter include an invitation to City departments to provide an update on their work within six months. Commissioners discussed how to learn about work that Departments are already doing on these issues, and Director Rivas suggested pairing the letter with a short survey. Vice Chair Paz motioned to adopt the recommendations as drafted, and to bring them to the Full Commission for a vote, seconded by Commissioner Souza. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved by the three Executive Committee members present.

- d. Proposed Resolution on Immigration Reform (Commissioner Souza)  
This item allows OCEIA staff to provide an update on the proposed resolution in support of immigration reform, which will be brought before the Full Commission for a vote at its next meeting.

Director Rivas noted that since the resolution now includes support for a specific bill, it should go before the Full Commission for a vote. Chair Kennelly motioned to adopt the resolution as written, seconded by Vice Chair Paz. Chair Kennelly called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion was approved by the three Executive Committee members present.

- 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.

This item was deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting.

- f. **Proposed Statement on Honduran Immigrants (Chair Kennelly and Vice Chair Paz)**  
This item allows Chair Kennelly and Vice Chair Paz to propose issuing a statement on messaging related to the Honduran immigrant community in San Francisco, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action.

Chair Kennelly provided an update on the draft statement she is working on. Vice Chair Paz discussed Spanish-language media coverage highlighting the plight of migrants, as well as community efforts to address the segregation of Central American inmates in jails. He will provide feedback on the draft statement before sharing it with the Executive Committee.

## **6. Chair Reports** (Information)

- a. **Scheduling of Upcoming Meetings**

This item allows the Chair to provide updates on rescheduling and/or cancellation of upcoming meetings. The next Full Commission meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023. The meeting originally scheduled for October 9, will be rescheduled due to the holiday.

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## **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.

The next San Francisco Pathways to Citizenship workshop is scheduled for September 9, 2023. The coalition will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 23, 2023. Commissioners are invited to attend.

- 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 who have not yet reapplied for their seats to do so.

**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.

Commissioner Souza asked about the process for launching a social media campaign in support of immigration reform. Director Rivas discussed the role of the Mayor's Office in advocacy efforts. Vice Chair Paz provided information on the previous campaign led by Forward.us.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Kennelly adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

