



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
1145 Market Street, Suite 100
August 26, 2026 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 attending 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.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

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

Also present: Commissioner Padilla (5:54 p.m.).

OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Clerk Sarabia.

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgment

We, the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission, acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

Chair Souza 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)

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's March 26, 2025 Executive Committee meeting.

[IRC Executive Committee meeting minutes 7.22.26](#)

Commissioner Paz motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Ng. The motion was approved. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

5. Discussion/Action Item: IRC Hearing on Public Health (Commissioners Padilla and Paz)

(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Commissioners Padilla and Paz to discuss plans for the hearing on access to health care, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action.

Commissioner Paz shared the list of confirmed speakers and noted that he has attended several informational sessions related to the topics being discussed at the hearing. The goal of the hearing is to make sure the community is updated and to give community partners tools to inform the community. Director Rivas noted that other organizations may join the hearing to add their insights. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

6. Discussion/Action Item: Planning for Workforce Policy Presentation at Full Commission Meeting (Commissioner How)

(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Commissioner How to discuss plans for a policy presentation at a Full Commission meeting on the local impact of DACA delays and loss of TPS on San

Francisco's workforce, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action.

Vice Chair Ng stated that he and Commissioner How had identified key areas for the presentation, such as TPS. He added that the commission should space out hearings and presentations to avoid fatigue. Commissioner Paz shared his experience with work authorizations issues. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

7. Discussion/Action Item: Proposal for Letter of Inquiry Regarding DHS Actions at SFO (Commissioner Obregon)

(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Commissioner Obregon to propose asking for a Letter of Inquiry from the City regarding the expansion of DHS operations at the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action.

Director Rivas shared that there was no update at this time. Commissioner Padilla suggested meeting with SFO's staff and/or Commission. Chair Souza suggested meeting with the president of the Airport Commission for information gathering. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

8. Discussion/Action Item: Proposal to Affirm Support for City College of San Francisco's ESL and Citizenship Classes (Commissioner Wang)

(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Commissioner Wang to propose partnering with City College of San Francisco's ESL and citizenship classes, inviting City College to present on these programs, and affirming support for their continuation, and allows the Executive Committee to discuss and take possible action.

Director Rivas shared that there was no update at this time. He noted that the number of people attending citizenship clinics has declined, and that there is a proposed rule to remove fee waivers and increase costs. Vice Chair Ng asked how the City could continue to support naturalization. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

9. Staff Reports

(Information)

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.

Director Rivas shared that Commissioner Wang will no longer be serving on the Commission, to be replaced by Katharine Gin. Director Rivas shared that commissioners on expired terms will need to apply to be reappointed and continue serving on the commission. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

10. 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 new or old business. Chair Souza called for public comment, and there was no comment on this item.

11. Adjournment

Chair Souza adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.