City and County of San Francisco
Immigrant Rights Commission

Minutes from the October 28, 2026 meeting of the IRC Executive Committee

Date and Time

October 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Location

- 1145 Market Street, Suite #100, San Francisco, CA 94103
- View the meeting online
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    - 415-655-0001
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Overview

Members of the Immigrant Rights 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 time. For each agenda item, there is one comment per person. Members of the public may also submit public comment by email to: civic.engagement@sfgov.org.

Agenda items

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Souza called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
IRC Executive Committee members present: Chair Souza, Vice Chair Ng, Commissioner Paz.
Also present: Commissioner Gin
OCEIA staff present: Director Rivas, Clerk Shore.

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 allows 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 September 23, 2026 Executive Committee meeting.
IRC Executive Committee meeting minutes – September 23, 2026

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

5. Staff Reports: Director's Updates

(Information)
Report on OCEIA and IRC activities and announcements. This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide brief updates on activities and announcements.

Director Rivas provided an update on the 60-day holdover rule and the scheduling of a Rules Committee meeting for Commissioners whose seats have expired. Chair Souza offered to support Commissioners at the Rules Committee hearing. Director Rivas provided an update on Sup. Fielder's $1.765 million budget supplemental ordinance for immigration legal defense. He also discussed the IRC's upcoming meeting schedule. The Executive Committee agreed to keep the November 9 Full Commission meeting, reschedule the Executive Committee meeting to November 18 due to the holiday, keep the December 14 Full Commission meeting followed by a possible social event, and cancel the December Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee will discuss preparation for the strategic planning retreat at its November meeting.

6. Discussion/Action Item: Planning for Workforce Policy Presentation at Full Commission Meeting (Vice Chair Ng)

(Discussion/Action)
This item allows Vice Chair Ng 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.

Commissioner Ng provided an update on the confirmed speakers to be invited for the November 9 Full Commission meeting at OCEIA. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

7. Information/Discussion Item: Update on Work to Address Immigration Enforcement Actions at SFO (Director Rivas and Commissioner Fara)

(Information, Discussion)
This item allows Director Rivas to provide updates on efforts to address immigration enforcement actions and detentions at the San Francisco International Airport (SFO), and allows the Executive Committee to discuss.

Director Rivas provided an update on OCEIA's work with SFO, plans for digital signage to educate travelers at the airport, the Board of Supervisors' passage of Sup. Fielder's resolution urging state elected officials to investigate the immigration detention center at SFO, and the City Attorney's letter to SFO. Chair Souza and Commissioner Fara have scheduled a meeting with members of the Airport Commission to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Vice Chair Ng said that SFILEN is interested in signage at the airport that provides information about the Rapid Response Network, and asked Commissioners to include that ask in their meeting. Commissioner Gin added that in the lead-up to the holidays, information is needed to help people make decisions around the risks of travel before arriving at the airport, as well as mental health resources for those who can't travel and see their families. She and Commissioner Paz noted that their organizations are providing travel advisories and informational sessions to community members. Director Rivas noted that the City cannot give legal advice but can uplift community resources. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item.

8. Discussion/Action Item: Follow-Up Actions from IRC Hearing on Public Health

(Discussion/Action)
This item allows the Executive Committee to discuss Commissioner Paz and Padilla's letter and recommendations from the IRC's Full Commission hearing on healthcare access and to take possible action.

Commissioner Padilla has drafted a letter and Chair Souza made suggested edits. Commissioner Paz requested more time to review the draft. OCEIA staff will share Chair Souza's edits with the Executive Committee. Vice Chair Ng made a motion for Commissioner Paz to bring a revised version of the draft letter back to the Executive Committee for review, seconded by Commissioner Paz. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no comment on this item. The motion was approved.

9. 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.

Under New Business, Chair Souza suggested adding retreat planning to the November Executive Committee meeting agenda.

Under Old Business, Chair Souza suggested drafting a one-page document of IRC priorities to bring to meetings with Supervisors.

10. Adjournment

Chair Souza adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.