



# CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COMMISSION

**San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1145 Market Street, Suite 100  
September 24, 2025 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 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 5:49 p.m.

Present: Chair Souza, Commissioner Paz.

Not present: Vice Chair Chaudhary (excused), Commissioner Kennelly (excused).

Also present: Commissioners Fara, Ng.

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 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)*

Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the Immigrant Rights Commission's August 27, 2025 Executive Committee meeting.

Commissioner Paz motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chair Souza. Chair Souza called for public comment and there was no public comment on this item. The motion passed with the votes of the two Executive Committee members present.

[IRC Executive Committee meeting minutes 8.27.25](#)

**5. Discussion Items**

- a. Proposed Resolution on the Detention of Immigrants at the Courthouse (Commissioner Obregon)

*(Discussion/Action)*

This item allows Commissioner Obregon to present her proposed resolution for discussion and possible action by the Executive Committee. During the August 27 Executive Committee meeting, Commissioners suggested edits and Chair Souza volunteered to update the draft. Commissioners also suggested incorporating the ideas and recommendations from the October sanctuary hearing into the resolution and issuing the resolution as a follow-up to the hearing.

Director Rivas suggested that this item be deferred to the next Executive Committee meeting agenda. The October Full Commission hearing can inform the recommendations and content of the resolution.

[Proposed IRC resolution on the detention of immigrants at the courthouse \(Updated draft\)](#)

- b. Follow-Up from Update on Commission Streamlining Task Force (Chair Souza)

*(Information/Discussion/Action)*

This item allows Chair Souza to provide an update on the IRC's letter to the Commission Streamlining Task Force and discuss outreach to community members encouraging them to write letters to the Task Force.

Director Rivas provided an overview of the work of the Commission Streamlining Task Force and Commissioners discussed outreach to community partners.

c. Follow-Up from IRC Resolution Condemning Travel Bans  
(Information/Discussion)

This item allows Director Rivas to provide an update on OCEIA's meetings with the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) as a follow-up to the [IRC's resolution on travel bans](#). This item was introduced under Old and New Business by Commissioner Fara at the IRC's August 11, 2025 Full Commission meeting. During the August 27, 2025 Executive Committee meeting, Director Rivas provided an update.

This item was heard out of order: Chair Souza motioned to begin with this item, seconded by Commissioner Paz. The motion was approved with the votes of the two Executive Committee members present. Director Rivas provided an overview of the partnership between SFO and We Rise and provided an update on OCEIA's coordination with SFO staff. In response to a question from Commissioner Fara, Director Rivas said he can share the resolution with the SFO director.

d. Planning for Sanctuary Hearing (Director Rivas, Commissioner Obregon)  
(Discussion/Action)

This item allows Director Rivas to provide an update on the upcoming Full Commission hearing on sanctuary city policies led by Commissioner Obregon, and allows Commissioner Obregon to discuss plans for the hearing, including the objective and focus, invited speakers, and questions Commissioners would like them to address. During the August 27, 2025 Executive Committee meeting, Commissioner Ruiz discussed plans for the hearing on transgender immigrants.

Director Rivas provided an update on planning for the October 27 hearing on immigration enforcement and local response efforts in San Francisco, and Commissioners discussed questions for the invited speakers.

e. Upcoming IRC Meetings and Events  
(Information/Discussion)

This item allows Director Rivas to discuss the IRC calendar of meetings and events for the remainder of the year.

Director Rivas provided an overview of the Immigrant Rights Commission's upcoming meeting dates. Chair Souza suggested canceling the December Executive Committee meeting due to the holidays.

**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.

Director Rivas clarified that the IRC bylaws allow for three Executive Committee members, in addition to the previous Commission chair who serves as a non-voting advisor. This means that the quorum for the Executive Committee is two people. Chair Souza suggested amending the bylaws to add at least one more member to the Executive Committee.

Director Rivas thanked Commissioners for their participation in the Citizenship Day press conference.

b. Reappointment Hearings

This item allows the OCEIA Director to provide an update on the scheduling of IRC reappointment hearings.

Director Rivas reminded Commissioners of the upcoming reappointment hearing for Board-appointed Commissioners and will follow up with them to confirm the date.

**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.

Chair Souza noted that Vice Chair Chaudhary has drafted a statement on H1B visas, which will be added to the next Executive Committee agenda.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Souza adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

