



## Meeting Minutes

### Monthly Commission Hybrid Meeting Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Chair Felipe Lobo Koerich, Commissioners Karin Lin, Raul Ripoll, Karim Razzaz, Anne Odera, Subandha Karmacharya, and Sarah Figge-Hussain

City Staff: Language Access Manager Crystal Rosa, Director of Operations Sarah Binney, Immigrant Services Liaison Tagesech Wabeto, Community Outreach Worker Catiana Jean-Pierre

**Absent:** Chair Shubhan Nagendra, Commissioners Vanessa Ruget, Ana Mejia, Debbie Klein, Tsamchoe Dolma

#### 1. Call to Order

- DOO Binney called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

#### 2. Public Comment

- No members of the public were present.

#### 3. Review and Approval of April 2025 Minutes

- Commissioner Lin moved to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Razzaz seconded.

#### 4. Staff Updates

- DOO Binney
  - The Commission will be moving offices at the beginning of June. Future Commission meetings will be at the new office at 689 Massachusetts Ave.
  - Riverfest will be on June 21, 2025. The Commission will have a resource table. Commissioners interested in tabling will reach out to DOO Binney.
  - Cambridge Citizenship Day will be on Wednesday June 11, from 2:00pm - 6:00pm. Citizenship Day is a free legal clinic for Green Card holders to apply for U.S. Citizenship. [Participants can schedule an appointment online.](#)
- ISL Wabeto
  - ISL Wabeto has been doing outreach to advertise Cambridge Welcomes, the Pathways for Immigrant Workers workshop, Citizenship Day, the Legal Screening Clinic, youth summer programs, and the Mayor's Youth Employment Program.
- LAM Rosa

- LAM Rosa presented at the Welcoming America conference about creating a budget for language access programming, and sat on a panel at the conference about language access policy.
- LAM Rosa is working on updating the Cambridge Welcomes sign to reflect a greater diversity of languages and have more information. It will be printed within the next month and distributed to municipal buildings.
- LAM Rosa will be presenting a workshop about language access at Professional Development Day at the library.
- LAM Rosa was called to City Council to answer questions about the CIRC budget during budget hearings.

#### **5. Old Business**

- Welcome Event- The Welcome Event will be on Thursday, May 29 from 6-8pm at the King Open School Cafeteria. This event will feature live music, dinner, facepainting, and resource tables. Commissioners Figge Hussain, Razzaz, and Ripoll volunteered to support the event.
- The Immigration Legal Clinic is in need of additional attorneys. Commissioners can reach out to their networks with the application for volunteer attorneys. Commissioner Figge Hussain proposed direct outreach to legal firms.

#### **6. New Business**

- There will be a cross-Commission dinner with the Commission on Immigrant Rights and Citizenship, the Human Rights Commission, the LGBTQ+ Commission, the Police Review Advisory Board, and the Peace Commission on Wednesday, June 4. Commissioners will receive an email soon with a link to sign up.
- Commissioners expressed interest in having a Commissioner social gathering in lieu of a June meeting. Commissioner Figge Hussain moved to vote to cancel the June meeting. Commissioner Ripoll seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor.

#### **7. Announcements**

- Commissioner Figge Hussain informed the Commission of a Refugee Food Festival on Saturday, June 21. [Tickets can be purchased online.](#)

#### **8. Adjournment**

- Commissioner Lin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm. Commissioner Ripoll seconded.