



# Agenda

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## Immigration Committee

September 6, 2011 – 5:45 p.m.  
Santa Fe Community College  
Board Room  
6401 South Richards Avenue

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. August 2, 2011
- IV. Announcements
- V. Community Comments
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Update on drivers licenses for immigrants verification program / lawsuit
  - b. Legislative report
- VII. New Business
  - a. Erwin Rivera and ENLACE students presentation
- VIII. Communications from Staff
- IX. Communications from Committee
- X. Adjourn

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<p><b>Approval of Minutes, August 2, 2011</b></p> <p>Amendments:</p> <p>Page 4 – Ms. Diaz did not suggest we write a letter to the Governor, she suggested we prepare a statement.</p> <p>Jewel Cabeza de Vaca showed as being absent from last meeting, she was excused.</p>	<p>Rev. Topple moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Rivera, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</p>	2
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	<p><i>to support their work in the bigger issues of immigration reform, second by Ms. Diaz.</i></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p><i>Moved to amend the motion to request a formal process to create an ad-hoc position on the Immigration Committee for the NMDIA and asked Mauricio to share this information with the other members, second by Rev. Topple. Friendly amendment accepted by Mr. Rivera.</i></p> <p><i>Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.</i></p>	
<b>Communications from Staff</b>	<i>None</i>	5
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# **Immigration Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

September 6, 2011

### **I. Call to order**

**Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair** called to order the regular meeting of the Immigration Committee to order at **5:45 pm** on June 7, 2011 at the Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

### **II. Roll call**

Fran Lucero, Secretary conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

#### In attendance:

Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair  
Betty Shinas  
Marcela Diaz  
Erwin Rivera  
Amparo Guerrero  
Rev Chester Topple  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca

#### Absent:

Miguel Acosta, Excused  
Elizabeth Hemmer

#### Others Present:

Fran Lucero, Stenographer  
Joyce Bond for Carla Lopez, Staff Liaison  
Alejandra Seluja, Prospective Member  
Mauricio Lopez-Marquez, NMDIA Student Representative

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

Move A from New Business after Community Comments.

***Rev. Topple moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Rivera, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

### **IV. Approval of minutes from August 2, 2011**

Rev. Topple moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Rivera, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Amendments:

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Jewel Cabeza de Vaca showed as being absent from last meeting, she was excused.

## **V. Announcements**

SOLACE provided an invitation to attend the next parenting classes in Spanish. Classes will start September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:30 pm. Amparo Guerrero will be the facilitator.

Erwin Rivera has resigned, Alejandra Seluja, from Uruguay, moved to NM about 10 years ago and has been working with Guadalupe Credit Union for about 6 years. She has been proposed to the Mayor and Council as the new member to replace Erwin Rivera. Ms. Seluja serves on the Board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and other immigration committees. Thank you to Erwin for participating on the Immigration Committee; the members would like to celebrate him in the future at a luncheon.

A request was given to Mauricio Lopez on the need for an educational representative on the Immigration Committee.

Rev. Topple expressed his interest in remaining on the Immigration Committee representing the Faith Community. The Chair was pleased with this request and approved as noted.

Ms. Guerrero has been asked if the Immigration Committee only represented the Spanish speaking community. The Chair said we would like to hear from any and all immigrant population that would like to come before the committee.

Mr. Rivera asked when the Immigration Committee was created. The Chair stated that the Task Force was created in 1999 and the Immigration Committee was created in 2001.

## **VI. Community Comments**

**None**

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Update on drivers licenses for immigrants verification program / lawsuit**

SOMOS un Pueblo Unido has been working with legal counsel and provided information on the lawsuit against the State of New Mexico, Taxation and Revenue Department Cabinet Secretary. SOMOS was successful in obtaining support from four New Mexico Legislators' and they understand that the Cabinet Secretary from Tax & Rev has over stepped her boundaries and has been discriminating. Ms Diaz

said that the court hearing is on September 13<sup>th</sup>, this is the preliminary injunction and it is important that those who attend are representative of those being affected by this action.

Events: Farmington, Lovington and Clovis have held a vigil. They would like localized events to happen on the same night across the state.

Mr. Rivera said that some students from NMDIA are trying to meet with the Governor and they will present a piñata to the Governor sharing with her what their educational dream is and also they want to challenge the Governor in a formal debate on how immigration affects their education and families. The formal rules of debate allow for rebuttal.

Ms. Diaz said that if you go to their website there is a button: DL News – it has the fact sheets and up-to-date information on the driver's license issue. They have also set up a text messaging system and encouraged help for this endeavor. If everyone donated \$10 this would help towards the marketing endeavor, the number is 84700 to make your pledge. They are spending thousands of dollars to assure that the word gets out on this critical action.

**b. Legislative Report**

(Covered under Update on Driver's License Report)

**VIII. New Business – Erwin Rivera**

**a. Erwin Rivera and ENLACE students presentation**

The New Mexico Dreamer's in Action (NMDIA) held a function today here at Santa Fe Community College and was well attended. Mauricio Lopez provided a recap of today's gathering. Mr. Rivera also said that he will provide a motion to support their efforts following his presentation.

Mauricio spoke about NMDIA; there are about 15-20 students in this group and they look forward to networking with other students in the state. They held an event at UNM last week, this is going to be a student led group, some are undocumented some are allies and they want to support the driver's licenses for immigrants. Mauricio is working on education and deportation and he would like very much to take part in the Immigration Committee's work. Their goal is to expose themselves and they want to be heard amongst the students in the colleges and universities. NMDIA has a website and Facebook. Mauricio said that NMDIA is not only about being documented or undocumented; education is a very important subject that they are working on as there are many elements that affect the students going forward.

Mr. Rivera addressed the function, there were about 70 students from 4 other universities, they were challenged to come up with a function following the event this week 5 representing the students voices on drivers licenses. Mr. Rivera said

that Mauricio is a product of the Student Ambassador's and he has done great things on the SFCC campus; he graduated in May. Congratulations on the work that they have done for the students who are in need.

Ms. Diaz said that deportation, not just for dreamers, happens from one day to the next. NMDIA is working hard to make sure that this doesn't happen without someone knowing where they are at all times.

Mauricio recently attended a training session and learned what needs to happen within 24 hours when deportation is a question.

Mr. Rivera said that there is a current Ambassador that has received the deportation letter and she moved here when she was 2 years old.

Mr. Rivera would like to find funding for Mauricio when he travels out of state to support the young people in this vital work.

***Mr. Rivera moved that the Santa Fe Immigration Committee support and endorse the NMDIA, that we maintain communications on their work and that we find ways to support their work in the bigger issues of immigration reform, second by Ms. Diaz.***

***Discussion:***

***Moved to amend the motion to request a formal process to create an ad-hoc position on the Immigration Committee for the NMDIA and asked Mauricio to share this information with the other members, second by Rev. Topple. Friendly amendment accepted by Mr. Rivera.***

***Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.***

#### **IX. Communications from Staff**

**None**

#### **X. Communications from Committee**

The Chair provided a draft of the statement that will be created for the drivers' licenses. Comments are to be sent to the Chair for final preparation.

Republican Hispanic Forum will be held. There is a \$35 fee to attend. Mr. Rivera will provide additional information once it is available. Governor Martinez from NM and Governor Sandoval from Nevada to present at this forum.

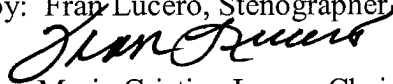
Next month (October) meeting facilitator: Betty Jean Shinas – destination to be announced. Rev. Topple will follow as the next facilitator in (December).

Thank you to Mr. Rivera for serving on the committee and he in turn will continue his support of the Immigration Committee.

**XI. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Fran Lucero, Stenographer



Minutes approved by: Maria Cristina Lopez, Chair