



# Agenda

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BY Terrie Rodriguez  
APPROVED BY [Signature]

Immigration Committee  
March 4, 2014  
500 Market Station, Suite 200  
Round House Conference Room  
4:30pm to 6:00pm

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2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2014
4. Announcements
5. Community Comments
6. Old Business
  - a. Update Immigration Reform at the Federal Level
  - b. State Legislature update – Driver's License
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion on which Items to Keep Ongoing During 2014
  - b. Presentation to City Council regarding the Committee's Activities
8. Communications from Staff
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**IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 4, 2014**  
**Market Street Offices, Santa Fe, NM**  
**4:30 pm – 6:25 pm**

**MINUTES**

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

**Present:**

Alejandra Seluja, Chair  
Amparo Guerrero  
Marcela Diaz  
Elizabeth Hemmer  
Maria Cristina Lopez

**Not Present:**

Cara Esquibel  
Jewel Cabeza de Vaca  
Cecilia Tadfor

**Others Present**

Terrie Rodriguez, Staff Liaison  
Julia Valdez, Santa Fe County Liaison for Commission Liz Stefanics  
Javier Rios, NM Department of Health  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

2. **Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Hemmer moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

3. **Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2014**

*Page 6: to assist the youth immigration population*

*Ms. Maria Cristina Lopez moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Diaz, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

4. **Announcements**

Ms. Seluja is no longer at Homewise she has entered into a private entrepreneurship doing Latino Outreach for Credit Unions. New phone number is 505-316-6450.

SOMOS will have a minimum wage clinic on March 12, 2014. It will take place 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at 1804 Espinacitas Street office. A flyer will follow to the members.

SOMOS will continue to work with Santa Fe County to assure they follow the law. The

county utilizes code enforcers. SOMOS conducts CLE training and has offered to include the code enforcers in this training.

Santa Fe County representative reiterated that this effort passed to \$5.61 an hour. The County has requested a full time FTE for code enforcement. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the budget this year will again be flat and she is in hopes that with Santa Fe County creating this position the city can follow in the same direction.

Ms. Diaz stated that the City Attorney is working with SOMOS on procedures to work with the minimum wage process.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that the new Mayor will take over March 12, 2014.

Ms. Hemmer is the Chair of the St. Francis Basilica Social Justice Committee and they provide funding to the non-profits. There is about \$7,000 to be distributed in March, April and May and Ms. Hemmer said if there is interest to please contact her. The committee meets on a monthly basis.

#### 5. Community Comments

Welcome Javier Rios and he works for the NM Department of Health who is the Immigrant Health representatives. Mr. Rios provided his resume and letter of interest to serve on the Immigration Committee.

#### 6. Old Business

##### a. Update Immigration Reform at the Federal Level

The Chair said that she received a call from Mr. Uriel Garcia at the New Mexican asking if there was anything new happening on immigration reform. Ms. Diaz said that the house speaker had said they weren't going to do anything; this was about 2 weeks ago. The Immigration Committee members said that they had also received calls from Mr. Garcia and that he was seeking information to do an article on Immigration.

Ms. Guerrero asked what the protocol is when a reporter calls a committee member directly. The article that did get released did quote Ms. Guerrero's comments to Mr. Garcia. Ms. Diaz said that she speaks to the reports on a regular basis but she does not speak on behalf of the Immigration Committee.

Ms. Rodriguez said that the process is to refer to the Chair or the Vice Chair. For the City of Santa Fe, all employees refer to the PIO for the city. Ms. Rodriguez will check to see if the Chair or Vice Chair should also check in with the PIO at the city.

##### b. State Legislature update – Driver's License Good job to SOMOS.

#### 7. New Business

##### a. Discussion on which Items to Keep Ongoing During 2014

The Chair stated that there are some topics that should be on-going, for example, same sex marriages of immigrants. Mr. Rios clarified that this would be where one person is legal and the other is not, and the committee confirmed this is correct.

Ms. Guerrero said that there is going to be a meeting at the Senior Center on April 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss this topic.

The Chair said that there are a lot of individuals don't know that they will be available for benefits or to even know their rights.

The Chair asked the committee to identify those members:

Recommended Topics:

- A. Law Enforcement Policy and Procedures
  - 1. Jail Concerns
  - 2. Monitoring the Resolution
- B. Living Wage Enforcement
- C. Municipal Resources
- D. Social Justice
- E. Re-establish meeting at the locations of those who serve on the committee or by sections of our community.
- F. Bi-National Health Event for 2014 (Mr. Javier Rios, Contact) for information details.

Ms. Diaz said that in 1999 a task force was created to monitor what was being done in the city of Santa Fe for immigrants. It may be time to go in to the city and do an inventory of their services and do they have Spanish documents to accommodate the individual who is applying for services.

The Chair asked Ms. Rodriguez to send the suggestions to other members of the committee to receive their input.

Ms. Guerrero said that it is important to her to know that the Immigration Committee will have support from the new Mayor.

Ms. Rodriguez said that the Resolution that created this committee would take another resolution to change and that would take council action.

b. Presentation to City Council regarding the Committee's Activities

In line with this topic, Ms. Rodriguez stated that a white paper should be prepared to let the new Mayor and Council what the Committee stands for. This will provide the Mayor an opportunity to incorporate these items in to the vision the Mayor going forward.

Ms. Rodriguez said that it has been a big contribution to have the Santa Fe County representative at this meeting, thank you. Ms. Rodriguez reiterated that it would be good to meet with the Mayor and provide him with a 2014 topic list.

The Committee said that they would like to extend a Muchas Gracias to Mayor Coss and to any of those city officials who have supported the Immigration Committee should there be changes.

Ms. Hemmer would like to have the Immigration Committee promoted so our community knows we exist and are active.

Ms. Diaz together with possibly 2 other members volunteered to put suggestions together in to a proposal to bring to the next meeting, discuss, add, subtract and have a plan. This discussion can take place by e-mail.

The Stenographer offered to create a project plan listing the accomplishments and/or challenges, dates of completion or future goals and objectives.

This meeting will take place once a Plan is formulated.

8. Communications from Staff

An application has been received for Mr. Javier Rios and staff direction is to recommend him for a position on the Immigration Committee. The Committee welcomes new and fresh ideas to provide services to our community.

9. Communications from Committee

Ms. Hemmer would like to stop by the city office to pick up any emails or updates that affect the Immigration Committee.

Ms. Diaz said that SOMOS will file a racial profiling complaint on National Origin and Race with the Santa Fe Police Department on a specific case.

Next meeting: Police representative to report on the past complaint that has been filed.

Mr. Rios said that the Mexican Consulate will be in Clovis this weekend to do the matricula.

The Folk Art Museum has an exhibit on Immigration and they are asking for feedback. Mr. Rios will send the announcement to Ms. Rodriguez to distribute. There will be two other sessions on the Exhibit – Gallery of Conscience. There is no cost to attend the exhibit on Sunday's.

SFPS is starting an International Magnet school focusing on languages. More information to follow. It is called the Mandela International School and they need the Committee's help to get the word out.

10. Next Meeting and Adjourn

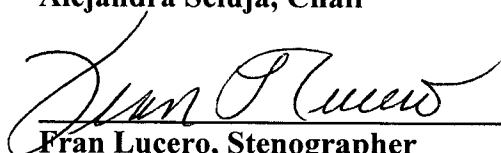
Next Meeting: April 1, 2014.

There being no further business to come before the Immigration Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

**Signature Sheet:**



Alejandra Seluja, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer