

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Hyperlink to view a video recording of the meeting is available [here](#)

- **Call to Order | Welcome**

- Roll Call:

- Mr. Bruce Abrams, Board Chair – Present
- Ms. Mary Abad, Board Member – Present
- Ms. Valerie Attisha, Board Member – Present
- Ms. Leslie Bassett, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Kevin Cruz, Board Member – Present
- Ms. Melissa Floca, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Andre Kwan, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Mark Leo, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Jordan Marks, Board Member – Absent
- Ms. Chandler Martin, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Bob Morris, Board Member – Absent
- Ms. Hilda Mwangi, Board Member – Present
- Ms. Fabienne Perlov, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Daniel Suh, Board Member – Present
- Mr. Oscar Urteaga, Board Member – Absent
- Ms. Caroleen Williams, Board Member – Present
- Ms. Kenia Zamarripa, Board Member – Present

- **City Staff**

- Rita Fernandez, Executive Director

- Don Giaquinto, Board Liaison

Non-Agenda Public Comment

No non-agenda public comment was received

Approval of February 10, 2021 Minutes

The February 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved unanimously

Updates from the Mayor's Office | Rita Fernandez, Director of Global Affairs

Border issues include social, economic and cultural

MTG toured the border and facilities

Asylum seekers - Mayor's recommitment to the immigration issue

Kent Lee, Co-Chair & Founder of the San Diego Asian Pacific Islander Coalition

STOP THE HATE Campaign

We are seeing some of the same anti-immigrant anti-Asian Anti-Islamic rhetoric that we saw during WWII

Xenophobia, Racism, and Increasing Acts of Violence Towards Asian and Pacific Islander Communities

Tammy Gillies, Regional Director for the Anti-Defamation League of San Diego

Hate Crimes are on the rise

Extremism groups around San Diego- Proud Boys and Patriot Front

Combating Hate, Extremism and Bigotry presentation

Civil Rights vs Incitement

Working with Law Enforcement to ensure safety

Board member asked how do we remove the extremists in law enforcement and veterans

Can the city fund Executive Director / committee to respond to the hate crimes?

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2021 | Fabienne Perlov

Board voted unanimously to accept the board resolution

Update on Board Member Recruitment | Valerie Attisha

Members will be moving off the board and new members will be appointed in April

Global Youth Ambassadors Program | Daniel Suh

Committee is working on creation of the Youth Ambassadors Program with the Office of the Mayor in LA

International Affairs Board Retreat | Danell Scarborough April 23, 2021

Objectives and goals for the board for the next year

Discussion and focus on what do the new board members want to accomplish?

Chair's Report

Next meetings will be the board meeting will be on April 14, 2021