

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2025

CITY HALL BUILDING
202 C STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

BOARD ROOM

ITEM I

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Brown called the International Affairs Board at 5:37 p.m., on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

ITEM II

ROLL CALL:

Board

Present: Bainter, Brown, Broussard, Coleman, Davidson, Eastman, Lenain, Marttila, Svahn, Zamarripa

Absent: Abad, Higareda, Naderi, Floca, Kamyab, Valenzuela

Also Present: Javier Gomez (City of San Diego), Ben Moore (City of San Diego)

ITEM III

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ITEM IV

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING

Approved

ITEM V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kenia Zamarripa was nominated to serve as Vice Chair for another term.
The election of Kenya Zamarripa as Vice Chair was approved unanimously.

Suzanne Svahn joined the board meeting.

Hampton Brown recommended that all official sub-committee chairs be members of the Executive Committee of the IAB. The following members were nominated and approved as members of the Executive Committee.

- Kenia Zamarripa, Vice Chair
- Joel Valenzuela, Outreach/Annual Forum

- Suzanne Svahn, Sister Cities
- Lucas Coleman
- Dennis-Michael Broussard

ITEM VI

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Kenia Zamarripa reported out on the planning for the 2025 Annual Forum. There was discussion on potential themes for the event. Current plan is to not have a keynote speaker, but rather remarks by Mayor and Chair. Closing remarks could be included if there was a sponsor followed by networking. Many expressed support for more networking time. October 23 and 30 are the held dates for the forum. Javier Gomez reported that the Library venue (Shiley Suite) has to be rented. J. Gomez was going to determine how much would be needed to rent the Shiley suite. Luc Lenain suggested the Scripps Institute as a possible venue location and he would investigate logistics and costs. USD Knauss school was mentioned as another possible venue location.

SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

No new items to report. There was discussion about the contract and contract payment. There was a discussion on how SANDISCA should report out in the future – standardized reporting. The sub-committee agreed to develop potential outlines for how SANDISCA can report in the future. There was also a discussion regarding the cadence of reports by SANDISCA. Luc Lenain suggested a more frequent reporting schedule.

MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE

Hampton Brown noted ambiguity in whether the Major Events Committee was an official sub-committee of the IAB and recommended making the Committee official with Ric Bainter as Chair. This was approved unanimously.

Ric Bainter reported out the recent discussions between the LA 2028 Olympic Organization, IAB members and Sports San Diego. The opportunities for hosting events are limited at this stage, however the region through Sports San Diego are actively engaged in seeking individual country Olympic Committees commitment to site the pre-games athlete base camps in San Diego.

ITEM VII

IAB STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Ric Bainter re-circulated his draft IAB “Statement of Principles” to the board for discussion. There was discussion on the need for the Statement of Principles and whether it should be an internal guidance document. There was a motion to approve the Statement of Principles. Suzanne Svahn offered an amendment for brevity which was accepted. The amended Statement of Principles was approved by the board.

ITEM VIII

MAYOR'S UPDATES

Javier Gomez reported out on Mayoral updates including honoring ANZAC Day and overall city budget update.

ITEM IX

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27: USS Midway commemoration of Operation Frequent Wind which rescued thousands of Vietnamese

May 24: House of Pacific Relations – Asian Pacific Heritage Month
United Nations Association World View Project

World Affairs Council looking for members

Four US Ambassadors from posts in Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam coming to San Diego on June 18th.

ITEM X

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm