

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

WEDNESDAY JULY 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 5:40 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

ITEM II

ROLL CALL:

Board

Present: Bainter, Brown, Broussard, Coleman, Davidson, Eastman, Lenain, Svahn, Tait, Rivas Garcia, Valenzuela, Zamarripa

Absent: Martilla, Floca, Gnagne, Kamyab

Also Present: Ben Moore (City of San Diego)

ITEM III

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ITEM IV

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2025 MEETING

Approved

ITEM V

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

No objections and approved September 10, 2025 and November 12, 2025

ITEM VI

Discussion of a statement on Foreign Travel by Public Officials as suggested by R. Bainter. General agreement in drafting a statement and R Bainter to circulate for Executive Committee comment.

ITEM VII

Committee Reports and Discussion

Outreach Committee

Planning for 2025 Annual Forum on either October 23 or October 30 was discussed at length. Venue options further limited, still checking availability and financial requirements of the library. Should have clarity on library location by July 17. Still investigating business arrangement for finances with SANDISCA.

Sister Cities Committee

Sister Cities board meeting has taken place, dues had not been paid by city. SANDISCA dues to international are in arrears. It has been nine months that payment was promised. Ben Moore updated that the payment is stuck in city administration. There is payment on the way – no intention not to pay. Ben Moore to follow-up on timing.

Marseille (France) advancement from Friendship City to Sister City recommendation approved unanimously by IAB.

Major Events Committee

World Cup 2026 – Olympics 2028 – series of calls with Sports San Diego – might have some team training opportunities. World Cup 2026 outreach to teams that decide to train here. Olympics 2028 – San Diego sent letters to Los Angeles Consular Corps engaging San Diego for athletic delegations. Next step would be how to get broader groups to San Diego in advance of the games.

ITEM VIII

MAYOR'S UPDATES

Javier Gomez has left post at city to relocate to Los Angeles. Ben Moore will fill role ad interim.

ITEM IX

BOARD MEMBERS UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rivas Garcia reported that US Ambassador to Mexico Ron Johnson visited the region, toured CBX. Ambassador also visited Chamber, Otay II and Tijuana treatment areas. A positive visit to the region.

Copa loads on San Diego - Panama positive in May. KLM San Diego – Amsterdam was profitable in May, but will suspend between Oct 23 – Feb 21.

ITEM X

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm