

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD

Meeting Notice and Agenda

WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2026

In-Person Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Administration Building - 202 C Street,
San Diego, CA 92101, 12th Floor – Council Chambers

Chair: Juan Carlos Rivas | **Vice Chair:** Benjamin Eastman

Board Members: Richard Bainter, Dennis-Michael Broussard, Lucas Coleman, Aron Davidson, Hampton Brown, Johanne Gnagne, Shahrzad Kamyab, Luc Lenain, Paul Marttila, Suzanne Svahn, Scott Tait, Joel Valenzuela, Heidi Knuff, Myriam Mendoza.

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AGENDA

- Item 1: Call to Order – Chair
- Item 2: Roll Call - Chair (2 minutes)
- Item 3: Approve Minutes of March 2026, May 2026 and July 2026 Meetings (3 minutes)
- Item 4: Public Comment (if needed) (5 minutes)
- Item 5: Committee Reports and Discussion
 - a. Sister Cities Committee – Svahn (10 minutes)
 - b. Major Events Committee – Bainter (10 minutes)
 - c. Outreach Committee (2026 IAB Forum) – Valenzuela (25 minutes)
 - i. Updates on forum planning
 - ii. Checklist and assignment of responsibilities
- Item 6: Updates on the Mayor’s main priorities and global agenda – Randy Reyes (10 minutes)
- Item 7: Border and binational affairs updates – Chair (5 minutes)
- Item 8: Board Member Updates, Announcements and Upcoming events (5 minutes)
- Item 9: Q&A with international affairs students (if present) (10 minutes)
- Item 10: Board’s recommendations to the Mayor (5 minutes)
- Item 11: Adjournment