



August 12, 2020, 5:30-6:30PM

Online Meeting

**Agenda**

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- I. Call to Order | Welcome
- II. Non-Agenda Public Comment
- III. Approval of July 8, 2020 Minutes
- IV. The City of San Diego 10 Year Global Vision Phase 2: Stakeholders List and Survey Questionnaires
- V. Overview of the Problems Faced by International Students in San Diego
- VI. Update on IAB Involvement in Community Events
- VII. Adjourn



## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

TIME: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

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### I. 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 – Absent
  - Mr. Andre Kwan, Board Member – Present
  - Mr. Mark Leo, Board Member – Present
  - Mr. Jordan Marks, Board Member – Present
  - 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 – Present
  - Ms. Caroleen Williams, Board Member – Present
  - Ms. Kenia Zamarripa, Board Member – Present

### II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- No non-agenda public comment was received

### III. Mayoral Update | Rita Fernandez, Immigrant Affairs Manager | Office of Mayor Kevin Faulconer

- Ms. Rita Fernandez presented an update on “Welcoming San Diego – Strategic Plan on Immigrant and Refugee Integration 2019 – 2024”
- The creation of an Office of Immigrant Advancement is a formal recommendation of the strategic plan
- The Mayor’s office has been vocal in its support for DACA, against the increase in fees for immigration applications, and in support of increased numbers of refugee resettlement, the approval of which is the responsibility of the County of San Diego
- The COVID-19 federal relief dollars that were made available by the CARES Act has not reached all immigrants, as only those with social security numbers are eligible to receive benefits
- The Trump administration’s policy announcement stripping international college students of their U.S. visas if their coursework is entirely online is

anticipated to adversely impact many immigrant students in the City of San Diego, and has received legal challenges from Harvard, MIT and other universities

- Ms. Rita Fernandez welcomes the International Affairs Board's assistance, particularly any ideas, guidance and perspectives that may help the Welcoming San Diego team implement its published goals
- The strategic plan update provided by Ms. Rita Fernandez can be viewed at the ten (10) minute and eight (8) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)

#### **IV. Honorary Consular Update | David Pasquini, Consul | Government and Business Affairs - UK Government Office**

- Mr. David Pasquini presented the following updates:
  1. On June 30, 2020 the San Diego Consular Corps held a virtual informal gathering of Honorary Consuls and guests, which was attended by members of the International Affairs Board, but future the organization of future meetings will require leadership from either members of San Diego's consular community or from the International Affairs Board
  2. Travel to and from the United Kingdom has been suspended out of San Diego International Airport, with only one regional flight departing each day from Los Angeles International Airport (travelers from the US to the UK are then required to undergo a 14-day quarantine period)
  3. The second round of trade talks between the UK and the US have just adjourned with the third round scheduled to complete later this month, and UK investment in San Diego remains an important element of our region's bilateral relationship with the UK
- The update provided by Mr. David Pasquini can be viewed at the forty-five (45) minute and forty-two (42) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)

#### **V. Approval of June 10, 2020 International Affairs Board Minutes**

- The motion to approve the June 10, 2020 International Affairs Board minutes was unanimously approved by those present

#### **VI. Presentation by the World Trade Center | Lucas Coleman, Manager**

- Mr. Lucas Coleman presented an update on the San Diego World Trade Center's update to its global economic development strategy titled "2025 Go Global Plan: Regional Trade and Investment Strategy"
- In 2015, the World Trade Center launched its original Go Global Plan with funding from JPMorgan Chase and advisement from the Brookings Institution
- Today, the World Trade Center is looking to take account of San Diego's progress against key performance indicators established during the 2015 Go Global Plan, with an eye toward informing the strategic recommendations that might be included in the 2025 Global Plan
- Mr. Lucas Coleman welcomes the International Affairs Board's participation in developing the 2025 Global Plan
- The 2025 Global Plan update provided by Mr. Lucas Coleman can be viewed at the fifty-three (53) minute and six (6) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)

**VII. International Affairs Board's City of San Diego Global Vision Plan Update | Daniel Suh**

- Mr. Daniel Suh provided an update on the progress on the Global Vision Plan, which included the recent completion and presentation of a benchmark study—completed by the volunteers at Booz Allen Hamilton—to the International Affairs Board Executive Committee
- The benchmark study was intended to help the answer to the question, “where is the City of San Diego today” in order to better inform where the International Affairs Board decides to go next
- The 2025 Global Plan update that Mr. Lucas Coleman provided can be viewed beginning at the fifty-three (53) minute and six (6) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)
- The update provided by Mr. Daniel Suh can be viewed at the one (1) hour, seven (7) minute and thirty-eight (6) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)

**VIII. Benchmark Study and Shareholders Matrix**

- The International Affairs Board is to participate in a workshop with the UCSD Design Lab on Thursday, July 9 to begin the process of developing a shareholder matrix, a critical next step to engaging San Diego's diverse communities for feedback on how the International Affairs Board should develop its global vision for the city
- A video recording of the workshop will be available [here](#)

**IX. Ad Hoc Committee updates and International Affairs Board involvement in community events**

- Ambassador (Ret.) Leslie Bassett, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Outreach, provided an update on the committee's work which includes:
  1. Supporting the International Affairs Board's global strategy
  2. Highlighting the engagement of each board member in the community where that engagement closely aligns with the International Affairs Board's mission
  3. Establishing permanent liaisons with the city's key stakeholders with whom the International Affairs Board wants to maintain relationships with
  4. Spotlighting timely international concerns within the San Diego community
- The update provided by Ambassador (Ret.) Leslie Bassett can be viewed at the one (1) hour, twelve (12) minutes and eighteen (18) second mark of the meeting's video recording, available [here](#)

**X. Chairs Report**

**XI. Adjourn**

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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