

## Meeting Minutes



# International Affairs Board

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2020

TIME: 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

### **I. Call to Order | Welcome**

- Roll Call:
  - Mr. Bruce Abrams, Board Chair – Present
  - Ms. Mary Abad, Board Member – Absent
  - 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 – Present
  - Ms. Chandler Martin, Board Member – Present
  - Mr. Bob Morris, Board Member – Present
  - 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

### **II. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

- No non-agenda public comment was received

### **III. Approval of December 12, 2020 Minutes**

- The December 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved

### **IV. San Diego/Tijuana World Design Capital Bid | MaeLin Levine**

- Ms. MaeLin Levine, Committee Chair for the San Diego / Tijuana 2024 World Design Capital Bid, has been working closely with Mr. Jonathon Glus, Chief Arts and Culture Office for the City of San Diego, to advance the Design Forward Alliance initiative to secure World Design Capital 2024 designation by the World Design Organization for the cities of San Diego and Tijuana
- World Design Capital is a year-long city promotion program that showcases the accomplishments of cities that are effectively leveraging their design to improve the lives of their citizens
- If San Diego and Tijuana are selected as the World Design Capital 2024, it would be the first for a bi-national dual city host and a U.S. city

- Ms. Levine’s comments can be viewed at the two (2) minute and thirty (30) second mark of the meeting’s video recording [here](#)

**V. ACTION: San Diego/Tijuana World Design Capital Bid | Letter of Support**

- Motion to support the San Diego / Tijuana World Design Capital and submit the International Affairs Board Letter of Support was approved

**VI. Recruitment Committee Update**

- Ms. Valerie Attisha is leading the efforts of the Ad-Hoc Recruitment Committee, and notified the board that four members will be stepping down in 2021: Mr. Bruce Abrams (term), Mr. Bob Morris (term), Ms. Mary Abad, and Mr. Oscar Urteaga
- There are sixteen (16) individuals under consideration for the International Affairs Board, which the ad-hoc committee will review to identify the top candidates prior to making a final recommendation to the board

**VII. Recommendation for the first 100 days**

- Ambassador (Ret.) Leslie Bassett and Mr. Kevin Cruz summarized the International Affairs Board’s recommendation to Mayor Todd Gloria’s office on international engagement that can occur within the first 100 days of his administration

**VIII. San Diego’s City Diplomacy in an Era of Democratic Capacity Building**

- Ms. Fabienne Perlov opened a discussion about the City of San Diego’s role in strengthening democracy through city diplomacy following the violent attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021
- The board’s discussion on the topic of San Diego’s city diplomacy in an era of democratic capacity building can be viewed at the thirty-one (31) minute mark of the meeting’s video recording [here](#)

**IX. Chair’s Report**

- Chair Bruce Abrams extended the board’s appreciation to Mr. Jonathon Glus and Ms. Bell Reza, who will now be under the Office of Global Affairs
- The board retreat has been postponed until March 2021 so that new board members can be included
- Councilmember Stephen Whitburn and Nathan Luke Williams of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees will attend the February board meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.