

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Virtual Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order | Welcome

- **Roll Call:**

Board

Ms. Mary Abad, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Melissa Floca, Board Member	–	Present
Mr. Andre Kwan, Board Member	–	Present
Mr. Mark Leo, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Chandler Martin, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Hilda Mwangi, Board Member	–	Absent
Ms. Fabienne Perlov, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Caroleen Williams, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Kenia Zamarripa, Board Member	–	Present
Ms. Victoria Philips	–	Present
Mr. Brian D’Amico	–	Present
Mr. William Roberston-Geibel	–	Present
Mr. Nathan Williams	–	Present
Mr. Dennis-Michael Broussard	–	Present
Mr. Gustavo De La Fuente	–	Present
Mr. Ric Bainter	–	Present
Ms. Karen Higareda	–	Absent

City Staff

Rita Fernandez, Executive Director	–	Absent
Sarah Moga-Aleman, Binational Affairs	–	Present

II. Virtual Oath-taking

- a. Alex Flores, Deputy City Clerk led new members through oath-taking.

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- a. No members of the public attended.

IV. Approval of June 9th, 2021, Minutes

V. New Member Introductions

- a. Ric Bainter

- i. **Ric Bainter is an attorney and has worked in the country of Bosnia. He was a board member of the San Diego diplomacy council. In his capacity as a member actively involved with the California Lawyer's Association, he has interacted with foreign Bar organizations on a regular basis.**
- b. **Brian D'Amico**
 - i. **Brian D'Amico program service manager of air-service development at the San Diego Airport. He has lived in San Diego for three years and his interest in International Affairs lies in creating opportunities for international connectivity and commerce.**
- c. **Bill Robertson-Geibel**
 - i. **Bill Robertson-Geibel is a faculty member at UCSD. He studies international higher education, and his research lies in international university partnerships.**
- d. **Victoria Philips**
 - i. **Originally from South Africa, she graduated from UCSD and runs her own non-profit consulting firm and has worked with international non-profits. Her interest lies in international marketing, fundraising, and philanthropy.**
- e. **Nathan Luke Williams**
 - i. **Nathan Luke Williams is a senior liaison with the United Nations Refugee Agency and has served internationally in multiple countries.**
- f. **Gustavo De La Fuente**
 - i. **Executive director of the San Diego-Tijuana Smart Border Coalition. He has been involved with non-profits for many years and has done business on both sides of the border. He has lived in San Diego for 11 years.**
- g. **Dennis-Michael Broussard**
 - i. **Dennis-Michael Broussard has a master's in international Affairs from UCSD and is a producer and humanitarian worker. He has done work humanitarian work for many countries in Africa and his goal is to promote San Diego on the international stage.**

VI. Election of IAB Chair

- a. **Nominations:**
 - i. **Caroleen Williams nominated Ric Bainter**
 - 1. **Ric Bainter Accepted**
 - 2. **Ric Bainter later rescinded his nomination in order to endorse Victoria Philips**
 - ii. **Andre Kwan nominated Mary Abad**
 - 1. **Mary Abad declined**
 - iii. **Victoria Philips Self-nominated**
- b. **Election**
 - i. **Dennis-Michael Broussard seconded Victoria Philips' nomination**
 - ii. **All were in favor**
- c. **New IAB Chair is Victoria Philips**

VII. Updates from the Mayor's Office

- a. Sarah Moga-Aleman, Binational Affairs Manager**
 - i. Convention Center will be turned over to do events at midnight tonight.**
 - ii. The mayor will be joining the Smart border coalition tomorrow to discuss border wait times and restrictions, the mayor of Tijuana will also be there.**
 - iii. The mayor signed on behalf of SANDAG for the new 2024 port of entry.**
 - iv. The mayor is pushing to get border restrictions lifted by the 21st.**
 - v. The LA consulates for Peru, the Philippines, France, and Australia will be visiting this week to meet the mayor.**
 - vi. Currently considering how to proceed with the Border Mayors Coalition in the future, whether we should host or stay virtual.**
 - 1. First step if it is in person is to reconfirm UCSD's support.**
 - 2. Expected date is in the Fall and they are trying to ascertain the scope of work prior to planning.**
 - 3. Asked for feedback and suggestions from the IAB**

VIII. Chair's Report

IX. IAB member comments

- a. Chandler Martin is planning a delegation to Cuba for LGBTQ rights and another for Design.**
- b. Fabienne Perlov recommended all new members research or receive training in the Brown Act.**
- c. Bill Robertson-Geibel recommended compiling a document that covers what the board has been and will be working on for new members.**

X. Adjourn

- a. Next Meeting August 11, 2021, 5:30-6:30pm**