



International Affairs Board

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2020

TIME: 5:30 PM – 6:30 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 – 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 – Present
 - Ms. Hilda Mwangi, Board Member – Absent
 - 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

City Staff

Rita Fernandez, Executive Director

Don Giaquinto, Board Liaison

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

- No non-agenda public comment was received

III. Approval of January 13, 2020 Minutes

- The January 13, 2020 meeting minutes were approved
- **Honorary Consul update- David Pasquini UK Representative**
- Updated public list of contacts will be provided to update website
- International Days of recognition
- Connectivity to world via airports- increased trade and investment
- Biden WH will rejoin Paris agreement on Feb 19th

IV. Mayor's Office update- Rita Fernandez

- Letter to the Biden White House –
- Immigration reform and travel restrictions
- Provided personal experience and background
- Provided goal of the Office of Global Affairs
- Global Affairs – International Affairs Binational Affairs and Diplomacy

V. San Diego City Council- Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn

- Introductions of staff
- Discussed office priorities
- Immigration, binational affairs,
- COVID response
- Balboa Park deferred maintenance is a priority
- Homeless and affordable housing is a priority

VI. United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Nathan Luke Williams

- Assistance United Nations refugee agency provides at the border.
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- UNR Partners and Non-Profit organizations
- Engagement throughout the region
- Border Crossings and displaced individuals
- COVID issues and influx of people at the border
- (**will provide PPT for board and the website)

VII. Global Vision Update- Daniel Suh

- Will send the board the plan for review and to provide feedback
- Discussion will take place at the retreat

VIII. Young Ambassadors Program- Daniel Suh & Fabienne Perlov

- The plan comes from Mayor Garcetti's office
- Youth program to meet with dignitaries
- Create and implement international programs

IX. Chair's Report

- Chair Bruce Abrams extended the board's appreciation

Next meetings will be the board meeting will be on March 10, 2012 followed by the retreat
Friday March 19, 2021 1:30-4:30

by Dr Danell Scarborough