



## Meeting Minutes

### Monthly Commission Meeting via Zoom Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Commissioners Vanessa Ruget, Maximus De Medici, Karin Lin, Shubhan Nagendra, Felipe Lobo Koerich, Vanessa Sarmiento, Ana Mejia, and Tsamchoe Dolma

CIRC Staff: Executive Director Carolina Almonte, Immigrant Services Liaison Tagesech Wabeto, and Director of Operations Sarah Binney

**Absent:** Chair Abhishek Raman, Commissioners Debbie Klein, Karim Razzaz

#### 1. Call to order

- ED Almonte called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

#### 2. Public comment

- No members of the public were present at the start of the virtual meeting. There was no public comment.

#### 3. Review and approval of January 2024 minutes

- Commissioner Ruget moved to approve the January 2024 minutes; Commissioner De Medici seconded.

#### 4. Staff Reports

- ED Almonte Report
  - ED Almonte shared updates about Cambridge Citizenship Day. This event will happen on May 21, 2024, at the Sanofi office at 450 Water Street in East Cambridge. The goal of the event is to support Cambridge residents in applying for citizenship over the course of a day with the support from volunteers from Sanofi and from Project Citizenship. ED Almonte, DOO Binney, and ISL Wabeto did a site visit to Sanofi to discuss the layout of the space and the overall flow of the event. City staff will be responsible for coordinating interpreters, translating the materials, and engaging in community outreach. Commissioners Ruget and De Medici volunteered to table at the event day of.
- DOO Binney Report
  - DOO Binney updated Commissioners about the status of the “Cambridge Welcomes” event on May 31, 2024, from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This event will take place on the front lawn of the Main Library, or in the CRLS cafeteria in case of rain. There will be food, musicians, dance performances, activities for kids including face painting, and a community resource fair. CIRC will have a resource table. Commissioners suggested De Novo, Beyond Bond, City agencies such as the Multi-Service Center, and MIRA as organizations to reach out to about tabling and event advertisement. DOO Binney will reach out to these organizations. Commissioner Sarmiento suggested Commissioners be provided T-shirts to help identify them during the event.

- ISL Wabeto Report
  - ISL Wabeto has been tabling and sharing CIRC resources at the City's summer Camp Fair, the Foreign Trained Professionals workshop through African Bridge Network, and other community events. She shared information about the language line, the Fair Housing event, and a new resource for free job interview clothing from MassHire.

#### **5. New Business**

- Chair Elections
  - Commissioner De Medici nominated himself to be a Commission co-chair. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of his election. The Commission will vote in April about a second co-chair when Chair Raman is present.
- April Meeting
  - The April meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2024, which falls during Passover. Commissioners unanimously voted to move the meeting to Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Commissioner Ruget moved for the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Mejia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.