

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

April 2, 2019 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maya Babla Appiah, Gina Aaftaab, Maria Zepeda Flores, Farhiya Mohamed, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen, Eric Holzapfel

Commissioners Absent: Marilena Morales, Medhanit Abebe, Shelani Vanniasinkam

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: Joaquin Uy

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

Inclusive and Outreach Strategies Presentation (Joaquin Uy)

Joaquin shared best practices and efforts around what OIRA is doing to engage immigrant and refugee communities. He spoke about ethnic media being used as a tool and discussed with the commission what strategies they can use to connect with community about the work they are doing.

OIRA Report (Maha)

Maha shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing.

Subcommittee Breakouts (All)

Commissioners shared events and brainstormed potential upcoming connections for the subcommittee work in small breakout sessions.

Next Steps and Action Items (All)

IRC will have an upcoming retreat with a Race and Social Justice Training on April 13th.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00pm