

# Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

March 03, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM)

## Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Ilays Aden, Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Karen Gamez, Johnson Nguyen (call in), Denisse Guerrero-Harvey, Emmanuel Dolo

**Commissioners Absent:** Maya Babla Appiah, Gina Aaftaab, Ankita Patel, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Amanda Sandoval, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Farhiya Mohamed

**Staff Present:** Peggy Liao

**Guests:** n/a

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm

### Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Maria opened the meeting.

### Conversation with Cuc

Cuc, OIRA's director, will be attending the IRC meeting next month. Things that commissioners would like to learn about:

1. OIRA priorities
2. OIRA events and ways to support or volunteer

### IRC Group Discussion

Maria also encouraged that commissioners to think about what commissioners would like to achieve and how commissioners would allocate their monthly 10 hours commitment.

Ankita is developing an advocacy toolkit and will be sharing it out next month.

Karen said that it would be great to think about topics that people would like to learn more about and invite speakers to come and present. Johnson suggested that sub-committees and host workshops, present updates or invite someone to present on a topic.

Commissioners will start tracking events in the community and volunteer opportunities.

### OIRA Report

Updates that commissioners would like to know:

1. Federal updates
2. Volunteer opportunities

**IRC Budget**

- The group will make a proposal of potential expenses. Expenses items might include printing business cards, name tags, inviting speakers, hosting retreat, etc.

**Community and Subcommittee Updates (All)**

- The group would like to explore who to manage the commission's Facebook page.

**Adjourn**

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm