

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

May 5, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maya Appiah, Johnson Nguyen, Karen Gamez, Shelani Vanniasinkam, N. Gina Aaftaab, Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Denisse Guerrero-Harvey, Riddhi Mukhopaddehyay, Ankita Patel, Amanda Sandoval, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Ilays Aden, Farhiya Mohamed

Commissioners Absent: Medhanit Abebe

Staff Present: José Manuel Vasquez, Peggy Liao

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Maria and Gina opened the meeting.

Action Taken:

- Approval of Minutes from February, March, and April
- Confirmed the approval of two letters of support
 - Organizational Endorsement for Detention COVID Bill
 - Undocumented Relief Package Endorsement Letter
- Voted to write a letter of support for Immigrants & Washington COVID-19 Response

OIRA Report

José Manuel Vasquez shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing.

Letters of Support

- Organizational Endorsement for Detention COVID Bill
- Undocumented Relief Package Endorsement Letter

Community Concerns

- Sub-committees shared feedback from community regarding COVID-19 impacts on immigrant and refugee populations.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm