

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

January 4, 2016 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michele Ramirez, , Roxana Norouzi, Veasna Adrian Hoy, Isatou Jallow, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Laurel Saito, Luis Ortega

Commissioners Absent: Simon Khin, Mindy Au, Tsegba Woldenhaimanot, Jeniffer Calleja, Dori Cahn, Kianoush Naficy, Farhiya Mohamed, Marilena Morales

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: Michael McVicker

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Michele opened the meeting. Luis moved to approve the December minutes and Marilena seconded. All eligible to approve did so unanimously. Luis abstained.

OIRA Director's Report

Maha gave the Director's Report in lieu of Cuc. She highlighted OIRA's participation in the NIIC conference and mentions in the White House Taskforce Report.

Budget Process Presentation (Michael)

Michael gave the commission an overview of the budget process in the city and timeline and deadlines.

Emerging Trends and Issues in the Community (Co-Chairs)

There was some discussion around the issues of ICE raids and Driver licenses. The commissioners will keep an eye out on situation and do more in depth research to determine what the best way to respond is.

Subcommittee Updates (All)-

The Executive Sub Committee reminded people about the committee attendance policy. They also discussed ideas and possible dates for the upcoming retreat.

The Education Subcommittee reminded members of the upcoming visit to the Seattle World School

Announcements (All)-

Laurel mentioned that Seattle World School is hosting a career fair for students and was looking for volunteers.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.