

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

March 3, 2015 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room 370

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Tsegaba Woldehaimanot, Dori Cahn, Mindy Au, Jeniffer Calleja, Michele Ramirez, Mohamed Adan, Veasna Adrian Hoy, Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Farhiya Mohamed, Roxana Norouzi, Kianoush Naficy, Shree Ram Dahal

Commissioners Absent: Simon Khin

Guests: Mayor Ed Murray, Deputy Mayor Hyeok Kim, Pedro Gomez, Angelica Chazaro

OIRA Staff Present: Sahar Fathi, Cuc Vu

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Mayor Murray's Visit (All)-

Jen introduced the Commission and the Subcommittees to Mayor Murray. Each subcommittee gave a brief report on the work they do and their work plan. The Mayor spoke to his personal commitment to immigrants and refugees, as well as that of his staff. He discussed with the commission his views on working with businesses and engaging them for youth employment in 2015. He also discussed his long term vision for the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs.

Northwest Detention Center debrief (Angelica)

The group went into Executive Session to debrief the race and social justice impacts of the Northwest Detention Center and their recent tour.

Announcements (All) -

The group approved the Commission's support to raise the City flag for Pride Month. Kianoush will represent.

Adjourn

8:00 pm.