

**Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission**  
**November 6, 2018 (6:00-7:15 PM)**  
**Seattle City Hall, Room 370**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Maya Babla Appiah, Medhanit Abebe, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Gina Aaftaab, Maria Zepeda Flores, Farhiya Mohamed, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen

**Commissioners Absent:** Marilena Morales, Luis Ortega, Vanesa Gutierrez, Jennifer Calleja, Jessica Yu

**OIRA Staff Present:** Maha Jahshan

**Guests:** None

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

**Welcome (Co-Chairs)**

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

**Meeting with Chief Best (canceled)**

Due to scheduling conflicts, meeting with Chief Best was canceled.

**Housekeeping Vote (All)**

Commissioners voted to sign on a letter of support for Danni Askini

**Subcommittee Updates (All)**

Commissioners shared the new subcommittees they agreed on during the retreat and who are the leads for each committee and what ideas they are exploring.

Economic Development (Lead: Shelani); Youth Subcommittee (Leads: Maria and Johnson); Women Subcommittee (Leads: Medhanit and Farhiya)

**Next Steps and Action Items (All)**– The commission identified co-leads for priority issues and structure of meetings moving forward.

**Adjourn**

The commission adjourned at 7:15 pm