

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

January 8, 2019 (6:00-8:00 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, Eric Holzapfel

Commissioners Absent: Marilena Morales, Luis Ortega, Vanesa Gutierrez, Jennifer Calleja, Jessica Yu, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Farhiya Mohamed

OIRA Staff Present: Maha Jahshan

Guests: Debbie Goetz, Paul Figueroa-Quinonez (Mayor's Office)

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

Office of Emergency Management Presentation (Debbie Goetz)

Debbie Goetz presented OEM's initial plan to enhance the City's capacity for multi-language emergency notification. The Commission gave her feed back on the plan and planning to follow up with more ideas/suggestions. Materials Shared:

- 1) [Presentation](#)
- 2) [Alert Seattle Information](#)
- 3) [Alert King County Flyer](#)
- 3) [Alerting Systems Handout](#)

OIRA Report (Maha)

Maha shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing. Paul from the Mayor's Office also shared updates on Seattle Squeeze.

Commission & Subcommittee Updates (All)

Commissioners shared events and brainstormed potential upcoming connections for the subcommittee work. Medhanit shared the intial plan for the Women's SubCommittee

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00pm