

## Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

March 5, 2019 (6:00-8:00 PM)

### 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, Luis Ortega

**Commissioners Absent:** Marilena Morales

**OIRA Staff Present:** Maha Jahshan

**Guests:** Dwayne Chappelle, Austin Miller

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

#### **Welcome (Co-Chairs)**

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

#### **DEEL Presentation (Dwayne Chappelle, Austin Miller)**

The DEEL staff gave an [overview](#) of the Families Education Preschool and Promise Levy and what is the community outreach work happening.

#### **OIRA Report (Maha)**

Maha shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing.

#### **Census 2020 Updates (Eric)**

The Commission formally voted to include Census 2020 in their workplan. Gina Aaftaab is the subcommittee lead for this body of work.

#### **Subcommittee Breakouts (All)**

Commissioners shared events and brainstormed potential upcoming connections for the subcommittee work in small breakout sessions.

#### **Next Steps and Action Items (All)**

IRC will have an upcoming retreat with a Race and Social Justice Training on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Adjourn**

The commission adjourned at 8:00pm