

# Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

May 7, 2019 (6:00-8:00 PM)

## Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Gina Aaftaab, Maria Zepeda Flores, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen, Shelani Vanniasinkam

**Commissioners Absent:** Medhanit Abebe, Maya Babla Appiah, Farhiya Mohamed, Eric Holzapfel

**OIRA Staff Present:** Paul Quinonez-Figueroa in Lieu of Maha Jahshan

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

### Welcome (Co-Chair)

Ankita opened the meeting.

### OIRA Report (Paul)

Paul (MO) shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing and the resolution Mayor Durkan recently signed in support of HR6.

### Recap of Intersectional Workshop and Action Items

Ankita and Maria gave an overview of the insights they gave at the recent workshop.

### Recap of Councilmember Meetings

Commissioners discussed the content of their meetings with CMs Gonzalez and Mosqueda. They also discussed follow up on items that were of interest to the councilmembers.

### Recap of Three Commission Meetings

Commissioners discussed their recent meeting with the Tacoma and King County Immigrant and Refugee commissions. As part of that meeting, they also met with Congressman Smith. Commissioners are interested in continuing to meet, and having informal gatherings, with both commissions.

### Subcommittee Updates & Planning

Postponed until the next meeting.

### Next Steps and Action Items

IRC will plan a summer gathering.

### Adjourn

The Commission adjourned at 7:28pm.