

# Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

June 4, 2019 (6:00-8:00 PM)

## Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Maya Babla Appiah, Gina Aaftaab, Maria Zepeda Flores, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen, Eric Holzapfel, Medhanit Abebe, Shelani Vanniasinkam

**Commissioners Absent:** Farhiya Mohamed, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay

**OIRA Staff Present:** Maha Jahshan

**Guests:** Paul Quinonez-Figueroa

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

### Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

### OIRA Report (Maha)

Maha shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing. Maha also announced she was moving on from her position to King County and Jose Vasquez will take over the role starting the next meeting.

### Updates on Commissioner Selection Process (All)

Commissioner Opening announcement has been shared via email, social media and ethnic media. Maha will coordinate with commissioners to streamline the interview process and applications once the June 17<sup>th</sup> deadline passes.

### Community and Subcommittee Updates (All)

Commissioners shared various community events. Subcommittee leads shared the progress they had made in meeting with different individuals pertaining to their workplan. Workplan has been updated on the IRC webpage.

### Stakeholder mapping exercise (All)

Maria and Johnson led the commission in a stakeholder mapping exercise based on the work they did with the youth subcommittee and modeled how this can be used to further the work of the commission.

### Next Steps and Action Items (All)

Maha to coordinate with Jose and Co-chairs an upcoming meeting to pass on all necessary information.

### Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00pm