

# Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

February 04, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM)

## Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Maya Babla Appiah, Gina Aaftaab, Ilays Aden, Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Karen Gamez, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Denisse Guerrero-Harvey, Amanda Sandoval

**Commissioners Absent:** Medhanit Abebe, Denisse Guerrero-Harvey

**Staff Present:** Peggy Liao

**Guests:** n/a

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

### Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Maria opened the meeting.

### Action Taken:

- The commission voted and approved January 2020's minute.

### OIRA Report

Peggy Liao shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing.

- Commissioners explored ways to make comments on the fee waiver and increase for naturalization fees and would like to know what resources to support community members.

### Youth Subcommittee Presentation

- Johnson and Karen shared the 2020 workplan and other commissioners gave feedback on goals and recommended key agencies to contact. Amanda has a contact at King County to share.

### 2020 Census Presentation

- Seattle Census will need volunteers to help station at assistance centers.
- Commissioners can be a census connector and help family and friends to understand the 2020 census.
- Commissioners can share census information on their social media platforms.
- Reach out to Elsa to know more about volunteering opportunities.
- Ankita proposed commissioners record a short video encouraging people to fill out the census to post on social media.

### Community and Subcommittee Updates (All)

- Seattle King County Health Clinic

**Adjourn**

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm