

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

July 2, 2019 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maya Babla Appiah, Gina Aaftaab, Maria Zepeda Flores, Ankita Patel, Johnson Nguyen, Eric Holzapfel, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Farhiya Mohamed

Commissioners Absent: Medhanit Abebe

OIRA Staff Present: José Manuel Vasquez

Guests: Peyina Lin-Roberts

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Ankita and Maya opened the meeting.

OIRA Report (José Manuel)

José Manuel shared current updates on the work OIRA is doing. Mayor Durkan signed a resolution voted on by Council in support of H.R. 6 (the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019), which provides a path to legal status for undocumented youth, TPS (temporary protective status), and DED (deferred enforcement departure) recipients.

Updates on Commissioner Selection Process (All)

Commissioner Applications period has ended. Committee has been composed to review and interview applicants for recommendation for appointment.

Community and Subcommittee Updates (All)

Commissioners shared various community events. Commissioners to send community events/updates to José Manuel one week ahead of meeting to include in Director's report.

Next Steps and Action Items (All)

José Manuel to print minutes for April, May, June, and July for review and voting by commission during August's meeting.

Commissioners will send upcoming community events to José Manuel to include in Director's Report.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00pm