

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

June 2, 2020 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maya Appiah, Johnson Nguyen, Shelani Vanniasinkam, N. Gina Aaftaab, Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Denisse Guerrero-Harvey, Riddhi Mukhopadehyay, Amanda Sandoval, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Ilays Aden, Farhiya Mohamed

Commissioners Absent: Medhanit Abebe, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Ankita Patel, Karen Gamez

Staff Present: José Manuel Vasquez

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Maria and Gina opened the meeting.

Action Taken:

- Approval of Minutes from May.
- Voted on modifying this month's agenda to discuss current issues.
- Voted to write a letter(s) in response to the events of this past weekend's civil emergency.
- Voted on tentatively agreeing on signing on to the Music Commission's Digital Equity Letter, pending review of final draft.

Conversation w/ West African Community

- Representatives were not able to attend, and time was re-purposed for holding space for sharing, checking in, and connecting with each other in light of the ongoing situation with police brutality against black people.

Agenda Modification

- Agenda was modified to spend time talking about this past weekend's civil emergency and how the commission can best respond.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm