

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

May 4th, 2021 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, N. Gina Aaftaab, Karina San Juan-Guyton, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Johnson Nguyen, Amanda Sandoval, Bao-Tram Do

Commissioners Absent: Ankita Patel, Ilays Aden, Farhiya Mohamed, Elrohi Shuge

Staff Present: Peggy Liao

Guests: N/A

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs) Maria and Gina opened the meeting and the group did a check-in.

Action Taken:

- April meeting minutes were approved.
- Peggy shared April OIRA report.

Co-chair report and action items

- Compiling a list of organizations that serve the community
- Designee vote – the commission voted for Ilays to be the designee.
- Governance & Education Committee (G&EC) presentation on Tue, June 8th, at 2 pm.
 - The Economic recovery team is looking at the [Economic Recovery Dashboard](#) and will see what might be able to be presented at the meeting.
 - Might consider creating a social media campaign to call for others to share experiences and call for their ask for COVID recovery support.
 - The co-chairs will send a follow-up email for more discussions.
- Internship discussion
 - Will find a project before the group decide whether to bring in interns.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned and went into executive session at 8:00 pm