

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

August 3rd, 2021 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Ilays Aden, Farhiya Mohamed, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo

Commissioners Absent: Amanda Sandoval, Bao-Tram Do, Elrohi Shuge, N. Gina Aaftaab, Karina San Juan, Ankita Patel,

Staff Present: Luanda Arai

Guests: Katherine Cortes, Gul Siddiqi

Call to Order: 6:06 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs) – Shelani opened the meeting, and the group did a check-in.

Action Taken:

- Luanda shared the June OIRA report.

Budget Overview Presentation by Katherine Cortes, OIRA Finance and Operations Manager

- Katherine provided an overview of the City of Seattle's revenues, expenditures, budget process, and OIRA's departmental budget. Katherine's presentation was followed by a Q&A with commissioners.

Co-chair report and action items

- The Five Commissions Candidate Forums
 - Were successful and included questions from IRC commissioners
 - Candidates expressed interest in working with commissions if elected
- IRC Social Gathering
 - Invite to the gathering has been sent
- Budget Letter
 - Discussion postponed due to lack of quorum

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 7:49 pm. There was no executive session.