

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

October 5th, 2021 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Karina San Juan, Ankita Patel, N. Gina Aaftaab, Bao-Tram Do, Elrohi Shuge, Farhiya Mohamed

Commissioners Absent: Amanda Sandoval, Ilays Aden,

Staff Present: Luanda Arai, Sonny Nguyen

Guests: None

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

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

Action Taken:

- Commissioners approved September meeting minutes.
- Commissioners discussed edits to their letter to Seattle City Council to advocate for emergency funding to support Afghan refugees being resettled locally.
- Commissioner approved submission of the letter to all City Council members.
- Gina, Shelani, Elrohi and Karina expressed interest in attending the October 12th City Council meeting that included opportunity for public comment on the budget process to reinforce the letter.
- Luanda shared the September OIRA report.
- Maria and Karina signed up for the icebreaker rotation.
- Commissioners approved to move the workplan restructuring discussion to the November agenda.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 7:44 pm. There was no executive session.