

**Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission  
December 7th, 2021 (6:00-7:00 PM)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioners Present:** Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Shelani Vanniasinkam, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Karina San Juan, N. Gina Aaftaab, Ilays Aden

**Commissioners Absent:** Amanda Sandoval, Bao-Tram Do, Farhiya Mohamed

**Staff Present:** Luanda Arai

**Guests:** Heather Yang Hwalek, Gul Siddiqi

**Call to Order:** 6:05 pm

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

**Action Taken:**

- Vote: Approved November minutes
- Vote: Commissioner appreciation gifts - passed
- Vote: Paid facilitation - passed
- Vote: move meetings to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – passed

**OIRA Report**

- Luanda shared updates about OIRA’s work in November.

**Community Updates**

- Gina gave an update on recently resettled Afghan refugees
- Maria shared that King County Metro is looking for translators for their “How to Ride Metro” campaign.

**Adjourn**

The commission adjourned at 7:00 pm. There was no executive session.