

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024 (6:00-8:00 pm)

Commissioners Present: Gul Siddiqi, Heather Yang-Hwalek, Emmanuel G.V. Dolo, Afra Mahmood

Commissioners Absent: Anand Rao

Staff Present: Beleqsa Tamaami

Guests: Kush Doshi

Call to Order: 6:10 pm

Welcome – Gul and Emmanuel opened the meeting, welcomed attendees, and invited attendees to check in.

Vote: Approval of May Minutes and Commissioner Recommendations

- May meeting minutes were approved.
- Ambika Kafle's vote for appointment was put on hold for the next Commission Meeting

OIRA Report

- Beleqsa reported on OIRA's activities in the previous month and upcoming community events in which OIRA plans to have a presence.

OPMA Training Overview and Email Reminder

- Beleqsa gave a reminder on the OPMA training and discussed creating commission specific emails and bios.

Commission Retreat Recap and Workplan Discussion

- The commission discussed key takeaways from the retreat and 2024-2025 workplan draft before breaking out into breakout sessions

Final Comments

- Commission gave updates on Workplan progress and next steps

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 7:55 pm.