

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024 (6:00-8:00 pm)

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

Commissioners Absent: Urjeet Deshmukh

Staff Present: Beleqsa Tamaami

Guests: Kush Doshi

Call to Order: 6:15 pm

Welcome – Emmanuel came in-person and opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and guests, and invited attendees to check in. Everyone was in-person. The commission also hosted an end of year potluck.

Vote: Approval of October and November Minutes

- October and November meeting minutes were approved

OIRA Report

- Beleqsa reported on OIRA's activities in the previous month and upcoming community events in which OIRA plans to have a presence.
- Commissioners had follow-up questions and expressed interest in collaboration between OIRA and the Commission

Community Listening Sessions and Community Outreach

- Commissioners discussed community concerns and commission goals for outreach
- Commissioners also shared areas they want to grow in and get more information on such as policy and legislation

Commissioner Member Engagement

- Commissioners had a potluck and continued conversation on commission goals, existing community concerns for the upcoming year, and ways they can collaborate with OIRA

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.