

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission
March 8th, 2022 (6:00-7:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Amanda Sandoval, Bao-Tram Do

Staff Present: Luanda Arai

Guests: Gul Siddiqi, Afra Mahmood

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Welcome (Co-Chairs) – Ilays opened the meeting and led the group in a check-in.

Action Taken:

- Vote: Approved Maria and Ilays as Co-Chairs for 2022
- Vote: Approved December minutes
- Vote: Approved February minutes

OIRA Report

- New OIRA Director, Hamdi Mohamed, introduced herself and fielded questions from Commissioners.
- Luanda shared updates about OIRA’s work in January and February, including preliminary local impacts of the war in Ukraine.

Priorities Discussion

- Commissioners were asked to reflect on their passions/skills/strengths, and the types of actions they want to engage in to support equitable COVID economic recovery for immigrant and refugee communities.

Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:01pm. There was no executive session.