

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission
January 10, 2022 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:	Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Afra Mahmood, Amanda Sandoval, Bao-Tram Do
Commissioners Absent:	Ilays Aden
Staff Present:	Luanda Arai
Guests:	Gul Siddiqi, Heather Yang Hwalek; Kim Horner, Marjan Atash
Call to Order:	6:04 pm

Welcome – Maria opened the meeting and led attendees in an icebreaker.

Approval of October, November and December Meeting Minutes

- Commissioners voted to approve each of the three previous meetings' minutes.

OIRA Report

- Luanda reported on OIRA's work convening stakeholders to understand recent arrivals to our region from the southern border.

Meeting with Office of the Immigration Detention Ombudsman (OIDO)

- The commission discussed attending a meeting with OIDO to understand their role within the Department of Homeland Security and what services are available for detainees.

Executive Session

- The commission went into Executive Session at 7:05 pm to debrief the Community event they hosted in December.

Moving the February Meeting

- The commission came out of Executive Session at 7:58 pm to vote on moving the February Commission Meeting from February 14 to February 7. The change was approved unanimously.

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 8:03 pm.