

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

March 14, 2023 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:	Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Afra Mahmood, Amanda Sandoval, Ilays Aden, Bao-Tram Do, Heather Yang Hwalek
Commissioners Absent:	Gul Siddiqi
Staff Present:	Luanda Arai, Alex Roque, Tana Yasu
Guests:	Anand Rao
Call to Order:	6:02 pm

Welcome – Ilays opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Emmanuel led the icebreaker.

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

- Commissioners voted to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Update from Women's Commission

- Tana Yasu, co-chair of the Seattle Women's Commission provided the commission with an update about other commissions' interactions with the Office of Civil Rights.

OIRA Report

- Luanda reported on OIRA's activities in the previous month.

Recruitment Discussion

- Luanda asked commissioners for guidance on initiating interviews with applicants to the commission. Commissioners gave the go-ahead for interviews to begin.

Work Planning

- Maria led continued work planning to establish committees within the commission's work plan.

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 8:03 pm.