

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

April 11, 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, Gul Siddiqi
Commissioners Absent:	none
Staff Present:	Luanda Arai, Alex Roque
Guests:	none
Call to Order:	6:04 pm

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

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

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

OIRA Report

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

Vote: Recommendation of Appointment for Anand Rao

- Commissioners voted to approve the recommendation of Anand Rao for appointment to the Commission.

Event Planning Committee Update

- Heather and Afra presented possible focus areas for the Commission's fall event.

World Refugee Day Planning

- Commissioners discussed how they'd like to volunteer at IRC's World Refugee Day.

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 7:43 pm.