

Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023 (6:00-8:00pm)

Commissioners Present:	Emmanuel G. V. Dolo, Afra Mahmood, Amanda Sandoval, Maria Jimenez-Zepeda, Ilays Aden, Heather Yang Hwalek, Gul Siddiqi
Commissioners Absent:	none
Staff Present:	Luanda Arai, Shilpa Sagar
Guests:	Anand Rao
Call to Order:	6:05 pm

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

Vote: Approval of April & May Meeting Minutes

- April and May meeting minutes were approved.

Vote: Recommendation of Appointment for Ahmad Hilal Abid

- Commissioners voted to recommend Ahmad Hilal Abid for appointment.

Follow up on Fall Community Event

- Afra and Heather gathered feedback on planning for a Commission-hosted resource event in the fall.

OIRA Report

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

Commission Commitments

- Commissioners reviewed subcommittee assignments and were invited to share what is helpful for them to stay engaged.

World Refugee Day Planning

- Amanda and Maria gave a final update and request for support for tabling at World Refugee Day.

Adjourn

- The commission adjourned at 7:53 pm.