

## Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting Minutes February 13, 2024 (6:00-8:00 pm)

<b>Commissioners Present:</b>	<b>Gul Siddiqi, Amanda Sandoval, Ilays Aden, Heather Yang-Hwalek, Emmanuel G.V. Dolo, Anand Rao</b>
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	<b>Afra Mahmood, Amelia Ossorio</b>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	<b>Shilpa Salgar</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>Famoso, Gustavo, Gloria, Ribicca Mamuye, Ahmad Hilal Abid</b>
<b>Call to Order:</b>	<b>6:06 pm</b>

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

### **Vote: Approval of November and December Meeting Minutes**

- November and December meeting minutes were approved.

### **OIRA Report**

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

### **OPMA Training Overview and Email Reminder**

- Shilpa gave an overview of the OPMA and sent the commissioners the training links.

### **Vote: Recommendation for Commissioner**

- Voted to recommend Oksana Reva to the commission.

### **Vote: Commission Co-Chair Elections**

- Gul Siddiqi and Emmanuel G.V. Dolo were elected as the new co-chairs.

### **Commission and Guest Discussion**

- Guests in the commission meeting shared more about themselves.

### **Breakout Sessions and Report Out**

- The commission discussed visioning for the new year.

### **Next Steps**

- Shilpa recorded and read out the commission's action items.

### **Adjourn**

- The commission adjourned at 7:45 pm.