

## **Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **October 8, 2024 (6:00-8:00 pm)**

**Commissioners Present:** Gul Siddiqi, Heather Yang-Hwalek, Emmanuel G.V. Dolo, Urjeet Deshmukh

**Commissioners Absent:** Anand Rao, Afra Mahmood

**Staff Present:** Beleqsa Tamaami

**Guests:** Kush Doshi, Alex Roque

**Call to Order:** 6:15 pm

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

#### **Vote: Approval of August Minutes and Commissioner Recommendations**

- August meeting minutes were approved.
- Ambika Kafle's appointment to the commission was approved.

#### **OIRA Report**

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

#### **Commission Community Engagement and Outreach**

- Commissioners shared community engagement events they attended and any upcoming events and discussed outreach efforts.

#### **Workplan Subcommittee Breakout Sessions**

- The commission had breakout sessions to work in their subcommittee's

#### **Final Comments**

- Commission gave updates on Workplan progress and next steps

#### **Adjourn**

- The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.