

# Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission

March 7, 2017 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Seattle City Hall, Room L280

## Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:** Michele Ramirez, Luis Ortega, Alexey Kuznetsov, Jessica Yu, Kianoush Naficy, Jeniffer Calleja, Dori Cahn, Isatou Jallow, Farhiya Mohamed, Marilena Morales, Mark Galang

**Commissioners Absent:** Riddhi Mukhopadhyay, Kiwai Lai

**OIRA Staff Present:** Maha Jahshan

**Guests:** David Mendoza, Jenna Smith, Rene LeBeau

**Call to Order:** 6:00 pm

### Welcome (Co-Chairs)

Luis opened the meeting.

### Democracy Voucher Presentation (Jenna Smith/Rene LeBeau)

An overview presentation was given about the Democracy Voucher and outreach to the Immigrant and Refugee communities.

### Policy Discussion with Mayor's Policy Advisor (David Mendoza)

David gave an overview of the implementation process of the Welcoming City Resolution and the City's response to the Executive Orders.

### Director's Report (Maha)

Maha gave the Director's Report in lieu of Cuc. She highlighted OIRA's upcoming body of work and included an update on the Mayor's Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet work.

### Executive Session (All)-

Commissioners went into executive session.

**Announcements (All)-** The commissioners considered the upcoming dates of various upcoming community events and shared information with others.

### Adjourn

The commission adjourned at 8:00 pm.