

Minutes

Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Date: July 22, 2019

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Room 248, Tacoma Municipal Building (747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402)

I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Mok

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

II. Statement of Purpose – Chair Mok

Chair Mok reminded the group of the statement of purpose addition to the agenda, and shared the statement of purpose.

III. Land Acknowledgement – Chair Mok

Chair Mok shared the Land Acknowledgement statement

IV. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences – Chair Mok

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Present

- Jefferson Mok (Chair)
- Diana Parra (Vice-Chair)
- Hieu Nguyen
- Jason Gamboa
- Perla Gamboa
- Alma Vargas

Absent

- Vaelupemaua Anitema
- Clara Zamalloa
- SIlong Chhun
- Saiyare Refaei

V. Consent on Agendas – Vice-Chair Parra

- a. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Vice-Chair Parra made a motion to approve the agenda, Commissioner Jason Gamboa seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.
- b. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. The Commission did not vote to approve the minutes to give members not at the meeting time to review the minutes.

VI. Commission Updates – Chair & Vice-Chair

- a. Follow-up to June 2019 language access topic – Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor and presentation by Julie Anderson
 - i. Auditors office will send a link of the new system for the commission to test.
 - ii. Chair Mok stated the role that the commission could play is helping to develop outreach strategies, talent for the video, and testing the new system.
- b. Approval of CIRA Letter to the Mayor about shooting at NWDC. Introduced by Chair Mok and passed by the commission.
- c. NW Detention Center update – La Resistencia

- i. Discussion about the “Proud boys” in military gear harrasment at the detention center July 20 and other events related to the NW Detention Center.
- d. Welcoming Week update
 - i. City Staff Tasha Ware provided an update on events.
 - ii. CIRA requests coffee time with the Mayor for welcoming week
- e. Commissioner Updates
- f. Adjorn: The meeting adjourned at 7:45