Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission

Tuesday, February 11, 2022 5:30pm Zoom Meeting

Commissioners Present: Linda Skelley; Jakie Zvejniecks; Kevin Vargas; Salvador Cazun;

Lizzy Beachland; Julie Ressalam

Commissioners Excused: Mark Wideman, Karen Colato

Commissioners Absent: None

Other present: Sabe Kemer

Staff Present: Ricardo Gambetta and Minsoo Song

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chair Kevin Vargas
- 2) An interview for a returning member Samuel GebreMichael was conducted. Commission members agreed unanimously.
- 3) AIRC Leadership selection:

Commissioner Vargas volunteered to be Vice-Chair and Commission members unanimously agreed Commissioner Vargas motion to move AIRC Leadership to next month

4) OllA Update:

- AHM is asking community's input for upcoming "Aurora's Mexican Community" exhibition.
- OllA will launch Citizenship classes starting February.
- OIIA released the city resource guide for new immigrants and refugees
- 2022 Global Fest
- AIRC decided to go ahead with

5) Member update

Commissioner Zvejnieks asked commissioner to send her any event in the community to share with the group.

Commissioner Beachland asked Commission members to submit the bios and encouraged commission members to visit the local business owned by immigrant and refugee community. Commissioner

6) Acting Chair Ressalam adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Vafgas, Kevin .

Chair