

Aurora Immigrant & Refugee Commission
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 5:30pm
Aurora Conference Room, Aurora Municipal Center

Commissioners Present: Linda Skelley; Salvador Cazun; Kevin Vargas; Samuel GebreMichael; Binisha Shrestha
Commissioners Excused: Jackie Zvejnieks; Mark Wideman
Commissioners Absent: None
Other present: Carlos Diaz and Coralie Bertrand-Guerrero
Staff Present: Minsoo Song and Shafi Osman

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Chair Kevin Vargas
- 2) OIIA Update
 - The Colorado Consular Corp reception is scheduled on Tuesday, October 18, 6-8pm @ AMC lobby.
 - Preparation for Business Mission to Taiwan is in full gear. OIIA is able to secure participation from Asian Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Economic Development Council, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, and World Trade Center. More updates will be share as it progresses.
- 3) New Member interview session: AIRC members conducted new member interview with 2 applicants
Carlos Diaz
 - Ms. Diaz is an immigrant from Peru and has been working with international community in the area of financial literacy.
Coralie Bertand-Guerrero
 - from Haiti
 - working with youth and commitment to creating stories

AIRC members agreed to make appointment recommendation for Mr. Carlos Diaz and Ms. Coralie Bertand-Guerrero.
- 4) 2023 Meeting Dates
 - Aurora Immigrant and Refugee Commission will be meeting 2nd Mondays of the month in 2023.
- 5) New Member recruitment
 - AIRC has couple more openings and current members will keep on reaching out to their community to recruit potential members.
- 6) Member update
 - Commissioner Vargas will serve as the chair until the next commission meeting.
 - AIRC's holiday gathering will be on December 9th, 2022 at 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm and the location will be shared with commission members as soon as it is finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm by Chair Kevin Vargas

Kevin Vargas

Kevin Vargas, Chair