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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-05-2024**

AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTER

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** Tai Vaz
- 2. Roll Call.....** Joshua Ho
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** Tai Vaz
- 4. Approval of April 2024 Minutes** Tai Vaz
- 5. Director's Report** Joshua Ho
- 6. Introduction of Guests.....** Tai Vaz
- 7. Special Presentations:** Tai Vaz
 - **Meet & Greet:** Francesca De Quesada Covey, Chief Innovation and Economic Development Officer, Miami-Dade County
 - **Special Recognition for Asian American Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau:** Wat Buddha Metta and Wat Buddharangsi Miami
- 8. Public Comments:**
- 9. Committee Reports** Committee Chairs
 - **AAAB Executive Committee** – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee** – Li Gurau, Chairwoman
 - **Asian Culture Series Sub-committee:** Chair: Tai Vaz
 - **AAAB Economic Development Committee** – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman
 - **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium** – Preeya Disyanan, ITC Board Member
 - **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi
- 10. Current Business.....** Tai Vaz
 - **Updates from Miami-Dade Police** – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway
 - **Get Out the Vote Campaign (Location, Date, Time, Hosts)**
 - **July 13th:** Presidential Townhall Watch Party in Philadelphia (APIA Vote)
 - **September 17th:** National Voter Registration Day (APIA Vote)
 - Organize **Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute** for Miami-Dade County (APIA Vote)
 - **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)**
 - **Marquee Signage at Miami International Airport**
 - May 15, Wednesday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation Golf Tournament
 - May 18, Saturday: NAMI Walk 2024, Zoo Miami
 - **THEAAAB4AWARENESS** - Team Captain: Dr. Eugene Fu
 - May 18, Saturday: Museum of Discovery and Science
 - May 18, Saturday: MDPLS Local Author Series with Sadrul Fasihi; Westchester Regional Library

**EDUCATION/CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs*

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Sadrul Fasihi
Chair*

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

*Sharon Fine
Chair*

*Luna Adachi
Smita Kulkarni
Stephen Matsumoto
Tai Vaz*

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**

*Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member*

**CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT**

*Li Gurau
Chair*

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Sadrul Fasihi
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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair*

- May 18, Saturday: Asian Real Estate Association of America Greater Miami's 2nd Annual Kamayan Dinner
- May 19, Sunday: Japanese Festival at Ichimura Japan Garden
- May 22, Wednesday: Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus Cultural Celebrations in Asia and Beyond
- May 25, Saturday: Family Fun Day Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month with City of North Miami Beach
- May 30, Thursday: APABA South Florida's AANHPI Heritage Month Event
- May 30, Thursday: Federal Detention Center Miami (Invites Only)
- May 31, Friday: Department of Homeland Security (Invites Only)
- Doing Business with Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools: TBD

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

Tai Vaz

➤ AANHPI Heritage Month

Request for Payment of \$300 from the AAAB Trust Fund to Thai American Association of Florida as payment for Sound and Keyboard during the AAAB AANHPI Heritage Month Kickoff Ceremony at Stephen P Clark Center - Thursday, May 2, 2024

- Reception at the Residence of Consul General Kazuhiro Nakai of Japan in Miami for Asian American Advisory Board and Asian American Community Leaders (Invites Only) – Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Need to RSVP accordingly.

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- May 15, Wednesday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation's 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Jacaranda Country Club, 9200 West Broward Blvd.; 11AM
- May 18, Saturday: NAMI Walk 2024, Zoo Miami; 8AM; THEAAAB4AWARENESS (Dr. Eugene Fu, Captain) <https://namimiami.org/2024-walk-for-mental-health-awareness>
- May 18, Saturday: Family Fun Day Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month with Museum of Discovery and Science, 401 SW 2nd Street; 10AM -5PM <https://mods.org/weekend-experiences/>
- May 18, Saturday: Japanese Language Exchange Meetup; Westchester Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way; Noon – 2PM
- May 18, Saturday: Miami-Dade Public Library System Presents Local Author Series with Sadrul Fasihi, Pakistani author and Board Member of the MDC Asian American Advisory Board; Westchester Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way; 2:30PM – 3:30PM <https://mdpls.org/branch-westchester-regional>
- May 18, Saturday: Asian Real Estate Association of America Greater Miami's 2nd Annual Kamayan Dinner; Barry University – Bucky's Cove, 11300 NW 1st Avenue; 6PM – 8PM; Members \$40 , Non-Members \$60; RSVP [AREAA Kamayan Dinner](#)
- May 19, Sunday: Japanese Festival at Ichimura Japanese Garden in Miami, 1101 MacArthur Causeway; 10AM – 4PM <https://friendsofjapanesegarden.com/>
- May 22, Wednesday: Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus Advancing Asian Heritage Through Innovation with Anime & MAGIC; MDC Wolfson Campus, Building 8, Room 8106, 300 NE 2nd Ave.; Noon – 1:30PM
- May 25, Saturday: Family Fun Day Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month with City of North Miami Beach; Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 16451 Miami Dr, North Miami Beach; 1PM – 4PM
<https://nmblib.libnet.info/events>
- May 29, Wednesday: Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus Cultural Celebrations in Asia and Beyond; MDC Wolfson Campus, Building 2, Breezeway; Noon – 1:30PM
- May 30, Thursday: APABA South Florida's AANHPI Heritage Month Event; White & Case LLP, 200 South Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 4900; 5:30PM; [APABA AANHPI Event](#)
- Sundays: **ACE Talk** Show with Winnie Tang, Josephine Gordy & Joshua Ho on WAVS 1170AM & 107.9 FM, Sunday evening from 9PM – 10PM www.ACETalk.org

Adjournment

Tai Vaz

[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)