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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-09-2024**

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 July 2024 Minutes Tai Vaz
5. Director's Report Joshua Ho

6. Introduction of Guests..... Tai Vaz

7. Special Presentations: Tai Vaz
 - Introduction to MBDA Programs Florida, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands
Marie Gill, Operator/Executive Director
 - Get Out the Vote 2024: How to Initiate Conversation with Our Friends and Family Regarding Voting
Hannah Locop, Florida Field Organizer, APIAVote
 - Asian American Early Voting Day in Miami-Dade County: Exit Poll
Winnie Tang, Vice-President, Asian American Federation of Florida

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
 - Update: September 4th Sub-Committee Meeting
 - 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
 - Update: September 4th Committee Meeting

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)

11. Discussion Items (New Business) Tai Vaz
 - 5th Annual Procurement Expo hosted by Office of Mayor Daniella Levine Cava & Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department
 - Thursday, September 12, 2024
 - Miami-Dade Public Library, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami
 - 10am – 2pm
 - www.miamidade.gov/procurementexpo

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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE
Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs**

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE
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Chair**

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DEVELOPMENT
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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE
Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair**

- **Welcoming Day Celebration** hosted by Office of New Americans, Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department
 - Wednesday, September 18, 2024
 - Miami-Dade Public Library, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami
 - 10am – 2pm
 - <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/newamericans/home.page>
- **Together Against Hate Town Hall** - FREE open-to-the-public town hall where panel of experts will discuss the critical issue of hate crimes and their effects on our community: FBI, State Attorney's Office, Miami-Dade PD, City of Miami PD, and the U.S. Attorney's Office
 - Wednesday, September 25, 2024
 - Coral Gables Library, 3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables
 - 6pm -7:45pm
 - <https://events.humanitix.com/hates-crimes-town-hall>

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- September 12, Thursday: Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus Market & Movie; MDC Wolfson Campus, Outdoor Plaza, between NE 1st & 2nd Avenue and 4th Street; 5PM-9PM; Free Event; Free Parking Building 7
- September 12, Thursday: Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus Salsa Social; MDC Wolfson Campus, by Fountain outside Building 1; 5:30PM-7PM; Free Event; Free Parking Building 7
- September 14, Saturday: Discussion with Texas House Representative Gene Wu hosted by Florida Asian American Justice Alliance – Topic: Asian Laws in America: Past, Present, and What's Coming Next; Latin Chamber of Commerce, 1401 W. Flagler Street, Miami; 2pm-4pm; Free Event: Register <https://form.jotform.com/242447605972160>
- September 15, Sunday: Fushu Daiko (South Florida Taiko Dojo) Hibiki – Echoes of the Drum; The Parker Playhouse, Ft. Lauderdale, 707 NE 8th Street, Ft. Lauderdale; 6:30PM; Tickets <https://www.ticketsales.com/fushu-daiko-tickets-lillian-s-wells-hall-at-the-parker/event/5145811>
- September 15, Sunday: Beijing Normal University Art Troupe's South Florida Premiere; Carole & Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium; 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton; 3PM; Tickets <https://midautumnfestival.naehusa.com/b/>
- September 16-18, Monday-Wednesday: Americas Food & Beverage Show at Miami Beach Convention Center (only open to the industry, making this an exclusively B2B (business to business) event. Attendees of the Show are there looking for new and innovative products to source, add to their store shelves, menus, and to wow their clients); \$95 - \$150 pp [Food & Beverage Show in Miami](#)
- **September 17, Tuesday: Celebration of Life – Sensei Mieko Kubota; Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 Red Road, Pinecrest; 11AM – 2PM**
- September 17, Tuesday: Japanese Heritage Celebration with Miami Marlins (vs LA Dodgers); loanDepot Park; 6:40PM; Tickets [Marlins vs Dodgers](#)
- September 18, Wednesday: Welcoming Week Celebration - Office of New Americans; Miami-Dade County Public Library (Main – Downtown Miami); 101 W Flagler Street, Miami; 10AM – 2PM; Free Event
- September 19, Thursday: Asian Senior Program with ACETalk and Florida Asian Services; Marjorie & William McDonald Center; 17051 NE 19 Avenue North Miami Beach; 11AM; Free Event
- September 21, Saturday: Miami Malayalees Association – MMA Onam 2024 (A harvest festival deeply rooted in Hindu mythology and commemorates the homecoming of the legendary King Mahabali, whose reign is remembered as a time of prosperity, happiness, and equality); Alpert JCC Miami, 11155 SW 112th Ave, Building #3, Miami; 5PM -10PM; Free Event
- September 25, Wednesday: Together Against Hate Town Hall; Coral Gables Library, 3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables; 6PM-7:45PM; Free Event; Register <https://events.humanitix.com/hates-crimes-town-hall>
- September 26, Thursday: India-US Chamber of Commerce Business Networking Mixer & Dinner – 5X Assets by 2026!, Jessica Min, Presenter; Deccan Spice Indian Kitchen & Bar, 1151 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach,; 5:30pm-8:30pm; \$20 [5X Assets By 2026](#)
- October 25, Friday: MAIACA's Diwali Soiree; Miami Marriott Dadeland, 9090 South Dadeland Blvd. Miami; \$210 Zelle to maiaca.inc@gmail.com
- 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, October 8, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)