



**Office of Community Advocacy
Board of County Commissioners
Asian American Advisory Board**



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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 22, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-10-22-2024**

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 September 2024 Minutes** Tai Vaz
- 5. Director's Report** Joshua Ho
- 6. Introduction of Guests** Tai Vaz
- 7. Special Presentations:** Tai Vaz
 - **Introduction to Unites States Space Force:**
 - Mr. Keyen Zahid, 2nd Lieutenant, U.S. Space Force
 - Introduction by Major Patky
- 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**
 - Miami-Dade County AANHPI Early Voting Day & Exit Poll
 - Saturday, 10/26 (10am – 5pm)
 - North Miami Public Library, E May Avil Library, 835 NE 132nd Street, North Miami)
 - Need Help Voting? Call 1-888-API-VOTE
- 11. Discussion Items (New Business)** Tai Vaz
 - **City of Coral Gable, Planning Zoning Board** Jose K. Fuentes
 - **Vice-Chairman Anthony Rodriguez's Stand Down Event – Friday, Nov. 1st**
 - **Celebrating and Supporting America's Heroes**
 - Miami-Dade Fair & Expo Center, Fuchs Pavilion
 - 10901 SW 24th Street
 - 10am -2pm
 - With over 80 local, state, federal, non-profit, and corporate partners, Stand Down is a one-stop shop of services for **veterans** of Miami and their families.
 - <https://www.standdownmiami.com/>

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

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**
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Chair

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**
Sharon Fine
Chair

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Smita Kulkarni
Stephen Matsumoto
Tai Vaz

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**
Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member

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

- **AAAB Executive Board Elections** – November Board Meeting (Tuesday, November 12th)
 - Executive Officers shall serve for one year (up to two consecutive terms in the same office) or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin upon results of the election. No vote by proxy shall be permitted. Election shall be by a majority of the votes cast by members present and voting.
 - Current: (All Officers are **Eligible** for another term)
 - Chairperson – Ms. Tai Vaz
 - 1st Vice Chairperson – Mr. Stephen Matumoto
 - 2nd Vice Chairperson – Ms. Luna Adachi
 - 3rd Vice Chairperson – Ms. Josephine Gordy
- **AAAB to be Honored as Resource Partners at MEDWeek Legacy Awards Gala**
 - Saturday, October 26th
 - 6pm -11pm
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami
 - \$50 (Make payment to Preeya Disyanan)

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- October 25, Friday: **Florida's 42nd MEDWeek Business Matchmaking Conference**; DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami; 9am-5pm; Luncheon \$50 pp
- October 25, Friday: MAIACA's Diwali Soiree; Miami Marriott Dadeland, 9090 South Dadeland Blvd. Miami; \$210 Zelle to maiaca.inc@gmail.com
- October 26, Saturday: Miami-Dade County AANHPI Early Voting Day & Exit Poll; North Miami Public Library - E May Avil Library (Miami, Florida); 835 NE 132nd Street; 10am-5pm
- October 26, Saturday: **Florida's 42nd Annual MEDWeek 2024 Legacy Awards Gala**; DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center, 711 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami; 6pm-11pm; Dinner \$50 pp
- October 27, Sunday: Broward County AANHPI Early Voting Day & Exit Poll; Southwest Regional Public Library (16835 Sheridan St, Southwest Ranches, FL 33331); 10am-5pm
- October 30, Wednesday – November 3, Sunday: Miami Film Festival GEMS 2024; <https://gems2024.eventive.org/welcome>
- November 1, Friday: Vice-Chairman Anthony Rodriguez's STAND DOWN, Celebrating and Supporting America's Heroes; Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center, 10901 SW 24th Street, Miami; 10am-2pm; Free
- November 7, 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](#)
- November 15, Friday: FIU Department of Religious Studies - DIWALI CELEBRATION 2024; FIU Maidique Campus, Tamiami Hall, Room 121, 11000 SW 8th St, Miami; 6pm-9pm; [FIU Diwali 2024](#)
- November 16, Saturday: IRCC Diwali Festival of Lights; Broward County Convention Center (1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316); 12-10pm; \$12pp; <https://irccflorida.org/festival-of-lights/>
- 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, November 12, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)