



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, November 12, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-11-12-2024

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
Father Ai Meng, Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Manipur, India
7. Special Presentations: Tai Vaz
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
 - 2025 AAAB Executive Board Election – Chairwoman Tai Vaz will open the floor for nominations, starting with the office of Chairperson. Officers shall be elected by a voice vote if there is only one nominee and, if more than one nominee, by a simultaneously written ballot to be made a part of the public record. 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 the 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.
 - Chairperson – Ms. Tai Vaz (Eligible for another year)
 - 1st Vice Chairperson – Mr. Stephen Matumoto (Eligible for another year)
 - 2nd Vice Chairperson – Ms. Luna Adachi (Eligible for another year)
 - 3rd Vice Chairperson – Ms. Josephine Gordy (Eligible for another year)
 - Updates from Miami-Dade Police – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway
11. Discussion Items (New Business) Tai Vaz
 - City of Coral Gable, Planning Zoning Board Jose K. Fuentes

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

Luna Adachi
Sadrul Fasihi
Josephine Gordy
Subbarayan Pochi
Stephen Lian Thang
Adrianne Aiko Thompson
Tai Vaz
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ASIAN CULTURE SERIES SUBCOMMITTEE
Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- November 14, Thursday: Global Ties, Miami: Fundraising Gala – Culinary Passport to Asia; Coral Gables Woman’s Club, 1001 E Ponce De Leon Blvd, Coral Gables’ 7pm-9pm; \$250 [Global Ties Fundraiser](#)
- 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/>
 - **Complimentary Tickets for AAAB members:** Send email to community@irccflorida.org and put “MDCAAAB” under the subject
- November 18, Monday: Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau Art of Black Miami Reception featuring Deborah Roberts; Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Ziff Ballet Opera House, 1300 Biscayne Blvd.; 6:30-9:30pm; [GMCVB Art of Black Miami Reception](#)
- November 19, Tuesday: Food Drive hosted by CG Bethel High, From Charcoal to Diamonds & Farm Share; C. G. Bethel High, 16150 NE 17th Ave, North Miami Beach, FL 33162; 9am -1pm
- November 20, Wednesday: Mayor Daniella Levine Cava INSTALLATION CEREMONY; Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts - Knight Concert Hall, 1300 Biscayne Blvd.; Doors open 4:30pm
- November 23, Saturday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation’s The Music Barn – Gala Benefiting “The Secret Santa” Program; Jacaranda Ballroom and Patio, 9200 West Broward Blvd; 11am; \$225; [The Music Barn](#)
- November 28, Thursday: Loy Krathong / Thai Food Festival; Wat Buddharangsi (Thai Temple Miami) 15200 SW 240th Street, Miami; 10-4pm; Free Admission. <https://www.thaitemplemiamifl.org/>
- December 2, Monday: Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA) Black Tie Installation Ceremony with Mariesen Sartori; Tower Club Fort Lauderdale, 100 SE 3rd Ave., 28th Floor; 6-9:30pm <https://www.areaa.org/greatermiami>
- 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, January 14, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)