



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD



MINUTES, Monthly Board Meeting

6:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128

Ref: 10-22-2024

Present: Luna Adachi; Eugene Fu; Josephine Gordy; Li Gurau; Stephen Matsumoto; Subbarayan Pochi; Adrienne Aiko Thompson; Jim Yu; Tai Vaz
Preeya Disyanan (ITC)

Excused: Hoda Askari; Vinita Chakravarty; Sadrul Fasihi; Sharon Fine; Jose Keichi Fuentes; Christina Fuentes; Smita Kulkarni; Anjana Mishra; Stephen Lian Thang; Mehmet Ulutas; Nick Vicera

Absent:

Staff: Joshua Ho; Cedric Brazle; Vanessa Azzam

Guest: Major Patky Changkachith; Taylor Haas; Stephen Matsumoto; Keyen Zahid

At 6:15 PM., Ms. Tai Vaz, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order; she welcomed the members and guests. Ms. Gordy asked the Program Director to verify the quorum. Quorum was not established.

MINUTES:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Ho welcomed the Board and the guests and thanked all for attending AAAB October General Board meeting with the meeting date change due to late hurricane storm warnings. He reminded the Board to update their calendar for 2024 AAAB General Board Meetings and stressed having a quorum as it is very important for our communities. He proceeded to inform that he is working on reappointments and appointments to AAAB and the board members' patience are very welcomed and appreciated. **Mr. Ho stressed the importance of helping in the Get Out the Vote campaign for our communities, especially for Miami-Dade County elections.**

Mr. Ho reminded to those board members who have not fulfilled the requirement to complete the County's mandatory Sexual Harassment Prevention training course to do so online as the reports for non-compliant board members will be reported to the Board of County Commissioners. Board Members can now take the course at their leisure with our web-based video and complete the acknowledgment form and submit to our office at Woody.Remy@miamidade.gov.

PSH Video: http://miamidade.granicus.com/player/clip/6171?publish_id=b96c9797-b24e-11ea-888f-0050569183fa&redirect=true&h=fd3e7c3b157b789011de620d1cd37cab

Acknowledgment Form: <https://www.miamidade.gov/humanresources/library/sexual-harassment-prevention-training-acknowledgment-form.pdf>

Mr. Ho reminded the board to complete the County Board Members' Financial Disclosure Requirement for 2023 and the deadline is July 1st: to email the completed form directly to the Elections Department at financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov and Copy hjoshua@miamidadade.gov and Nilda Olmo at the Ethics Commission at Nilda.Olmo@miamidade.gov.

He once again asked the Board members to sign up for any of the three Board committees, after careful consideration of time and dedication, to actively engage our communities: Cultural Advancement Committee, Education/Civic Engagement Committee, and Economic Development Committee. Additionally, to inform any events and activities that we may as a board member can support and promote Asian American communities.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mr. Keyen Zahid, 2nd Lieutenant, U.S. Space Force

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AAAB Executive Committee – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee – Li Gurau, Chairwoman

- Asian Cultural Series Sub-committee: Chair, Tai Vaz

AAAB Economic Development Committee – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman

AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

- Health/Wellness Sub-committee: Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- Updates from Miami-Dade Police – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway
- Get Out the Vote Campaign:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 5th Annual Procure City of Coral Gable, Planning Zoning Board Jose K. Fuentes
- Vice-Chairman Anthony Rodriguez's Stand Down Event – Friday, Nov. 1st
- **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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events:

- 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 26, Saturday: Suicide Prevention Training: QPR: Question, Persuade, and Refer, hosted by NAMI Miami-Dade; UHI Clinic, 870 Fisherman Street, Opa Locka; 11am -12:30pm; Register [Bit.ly/NAMIQPR1026](https://bit.ly/NAMIQPR1026) ; Questions 305-665-2540
- 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

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6PM – SPCC 18-4 Conference Room