



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



MINUTES, Monthly Board Meeting

6:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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

Ref: 11-12-2024

Present: Luna Adachi; Sadrul Fasihi; Sharon Fine; Jose Keichi Fuentes; Josephine Gordy; Li Gurau; Subbarayan Pochi; Stephen Lian Thang; Mehmet Ulutas; Tai Vaz
Preeya Disyanan (ITC)

Excused: Hoda Askari; Vinita Chakravarty; Eugene Fu; Stephen Matsumoto; Christina Fuentes; Smita Kulkarni; Anjana Mishra; Adrienne Aiko Thompson; Jim Yu; Nick Vicera

Absent:

Staff: Joshua Ho; Cedric Brazle; Vanessa Azzam

Guest: Patky Changkachith; Taylor Haas; Brandy Conway; Sofia Shakir; Tariq Malik

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 November General Board meeting. He reminded the Board to update their calendar for 2025 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 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: Father Ai Meng, Associate Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Manipur, India

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:

- **2025 AAAB Executive Board Election**
- **Updates from Miami-Dade Police – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **City of Coral Gable, Planning Zoning Board** Jose K. Fuentes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events:

- 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

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6PM – SPCC 18-4 Conference Room