



**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, January 14, 2025
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-01-14-2025**

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

*Jenni Person, Community Relations Manager, Greater Miami Jewish Federation

*Naoko Komura, Teaching Professor of Japanese, Department of Modern Languages,
Florida International University

*Athanasia Fitos, Library Operations Manager, Community Engagement, Miami-Dade
Public Library System

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 Matsumoto (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** –Detective Brandy Conway

➤ **34th Annual Asian Culture Festival**

○ Saturday, March 1st & Sunday, March 2nd

○ Tropical Park

**EDUCATION/CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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Eugene Fu
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Li Gurau
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Stephen Lian Thang
Adrianne Aiko Thompson
Jim Yu*

**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
Jim Yu*

**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair*

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

Tai Vaz

- Sponsorship Request: Japan Immersion Day at Florida International University with Japan Language Program: \$300
 - February 24, 2024, 9:30am – 1pm
 - Modesto Maidique Campus (11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Florida 33199) – Green Library 100
 - Contact: Professor Naoko Komura, Teaching Professor of Japanese, Japanese Program Coordinator, Department of Modern Languages
- Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Request for provide a brief presentation on the Status of People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and SMART Plan 2025.

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- December 18 - February 16: The Nova Music Festival Exhibition; Greenwich Studios in North Miami, 12100 NE 16th Ave, North Miami; \$20; Tickets [NovaFestivalExhibition](#)
- January 17, Friday: Webinar - Procurement Advocacy Communication Forum presented by Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department; https://miamidade.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-WiTe1tERMq5KbuKUK4yuw
- January 23, Thursday: Miami-Dade County Public School Local Business Fair; Miami Norland Senior High School, 1193 NW 193rd Street; 6PM-8PM; Information: 305-995-1307 / oeacertification@dadeschools.net
- January 25, Sunday: Anand Bazaar 2025 hosted by IRCC Florida; Corporate Shelter, Miramar Regional Park, 16801 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar; 11AM -4PM; <https://irccflorida.org/event/anand-bazaar/>
- January 30, Thursday: State of the County Address presented by Mayor Daniella Levine Cava; Miami Senior High, 2450 SW 1st Street; 6PM; [Mayor Cava's State of the County Address](#)
- February 1, Saturday: Chinese Language Teachers Association of Florida's Chinese Culture Festival; Ransom Everglades Middle School, 2045 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove; 10AM; <https://www.ransomeverglades.org/#/>
- February 1, Saturday: 2025 Overseas Chinese Spring Festival Gala, hosted by South Florida Chinese Business Association; Julius Littman Performing Arts Theater, 17011 NE 19th Ave.; 6PM; \$30-\$60; [Chinese Spring Festival](#)
- February 8, Saturday: City of North Miami Beach Lunar New Year Festival with Florida Asian Services and ACETalk Radio Show; Senator Gwen Margolis Amphitheater, 165 NE 165th Street, NMB; 10AM-3PM
- February 12, Wednesday: Lunar New Year Celebration with Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce Miami; Tower Club, Ft. Lauderdale, 100 SE 3rd Ave, 28th Floor; 6PM; \$25; [Lunar Celebration TCCM](#)
- February 24, Monday: Japan Immersion Day at Florida International University; FIU Modesto Maidique Campus, 11200 S.W. 8th Street, Miami; 9AM -1PM; Info komuran@fiu.edu
- 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, February 11, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)