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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-02-11-2025**

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 January 2025 Minutes

Tai Vaz

5. Director's Report

Joshua Ho

6. Introduction of Guests

Tai Vaz

7. Special Presentations:

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American Jewish Committee: History of Asian-Jewish relations in America – **Michael Teichberg**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Miami & Broward Regional Office, American Jewish Committee; and **Pamela Berkowsky**

Americas Linkage Mission to Thailand - Business Opportunities in Thailand: Explore THAIFEX, B2B Networking, Meet & Greet Director General of Department of International Trade Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand – **Chavanol Phivnil**, Director, Thai Trade Center of Miami

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
 - Saturday, Feb. 15 – Thailand, Miami Beach Branch
 - March - Japan
 - April - Pakistan
 - September - China
 - October - Korea
 - India, Iran, Philippines, Myanmar, Taiwan, Türkiye, Cambodia, Bangladesh
- **AAAB Economic Development Committee** – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman
 - **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium** – Preeya Disyanan
- **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

10. Current Business.....

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- **34th Annual Asian Culture Festival** – Updates & Requests
 - Saturday, March 1st & Sunday, March 2nd, 11am – 5pm
 - www.asianculturefestival.net
 - Confirmed Elected Officials
- **Updates from Miami-Dade Sheriff Office** – Detective Brandy Conway
- **Nova Exhibition at Greenwich Studios with Greater Miami Jewish Council** – Thursday, February 13th at North Miami Greenwich Studios (12100 NE 16th Ave)
 - Email with your confirmation by 12 noon, Wednesday, February 12th

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ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE**

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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

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- **Mission Partner:** Thai Trade Center of Miami to Promote Americas Linkage Mission to Thailand - Business Opportunities in Thailand; May 20 to May 29, 2025.
- **Miami In-service on Access to Legal Services Presented by: FIU College of Law Experiential Program, Legal Services of Greater Miami, and Catholic Legal Services**
 - Friday, February 14th, 10am -4pm
 - FIU College of Law, Large Courtroom, 11200 SW 8th Street, Rafael Diaz Balart Hall
 - Contact: Jordan Dollar, jdollar@fiu.edu
- **Protecting Places of Worship Forum: Facilitated virtually by: United States Department of Justice Community Relations Service (CRS) & Hosted By U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida**
 - Wednesday, February 19th, 2pm – 5pm
 - Zoom: To Register: [PPOW 02192025](https://www.zoom.us/j/92192025)
- **2nd Annual Asian Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau**
 - Saturday, April 5th
 - Possible Places:
 - Our Lady of Lebanon
 - On Leong Chinese Merchants Association
 - Ichimura Japan Garden Miami
 - Israel
 - India
 - Saturday, November 1st
 - Miami-Dade Farmers Month: Honoring the heart of South Dade's Agriculture (District 8 and District 9)
 - Thai Temple Miami, Cambodian Temple Miami, Vietnamese Temple Miami
 - Hindu Temple Miami, Ikebana
- **Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)**
 - AANHPI Heritage Month Celebration Kickoff Presentation at SPCC Government Center
 - AANHPI Heritage Celebration with Miami Marlins
 - NAMIWALK 2025, May 10th, loanDepot Park

12. Announcements

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- 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](https://www.tccm.org/2025/02/12/lunar-new-year-celebration/)
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- February 20, Thursday: **2025 Annual Meeting & Walk for Mental Health Awareness Kickoff**; The PNC Club at loanDepot Park, 501 Marlins Way, Miami; 6:30pm; To register: [NAMIWalk 2025 Kickoff](https://www.namiwalk.org/2025/02/20/2025-annual-meeting-walk-for-mental-health-awareness-kickoff/)
- February 21, Friday: **Lunar New Year Festival at UM with Asian American Student Association**; UM Lakeside Patio and Stage; 6:30pm-10pm
- February 22, Saturday: **Coalition of South Florida Muslim Organizations (COSMOS) Annual Community Appreciation Dinner**; Hilton Miami Airport-5101 Blue Lagoon Road, Miami; \$75; www.cosmosbanquet2025.eventbrite.com
- 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
- February 26, Wednesday: **Black Affairs Advisory Board Family Night with the Miami Heat vs Atlanta Hawks**; 7:30PM; \$24 and up; <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/baabHEAT>
- March 1 & 2, Saturday, Sunday: **34th Annual Asian Culture Festival**; Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40th Street, Miami; www.asianculturefestival.net
- March 16, Sunday: **Miami Association of Indian Americans for Culture and Arts (MAIACA) Holi – Festival of Colors**; Kendall Hammocks Park, 11395 SW 79th Street, Miami; \$15 Adults / \$10 Children; [MAIACA HOLI](https://www.maiaca.org/2025/03/16/maiacas-holi-festival-of-colors/)
- Sundays: **ACE Talk Show** with Winnie Tang, Josephine Gordy & Joshua Ho on WAVS 1170AM & 107.9 FM, Sunday evening from 9PM – 10PM [www.ACE-Talk.com](https://www.ace-talk.com)

Adjournment

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[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)