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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-03-11-2025**

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 February 2025 Minutes

Tai Vaz

5. Director's Report

Joshua Ho

6. Introduction of Guests

Tai Vaz

7. Special Presentations:

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Appreciation Award: 34th Annual Asian Culture Festival

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 -

○ April –

○ May – Israel

○ June

○ July

○ September - China

○ October – South Korea

○ November

○ Japan, India, Iran, Philippines, Myanmar, Taiwan, Türkiye,
Cambodia, Bangladesh, Jamaican-Chinese, Israel

➤ **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

○ Research Survey: Collaboration with Greater Miami Convention and

Visitors Bureau: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7SKSNMT>

▪ Andrew Wobensmith, Director, Research & Business
Intelligence

▪ Herlinda Lombardi, Program Manager, Multicultural Tourism &
Development

➤ **Updates from Miami-Dade Sheriff Office** –Detective Brandy Conway

➤ **Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)**

○ May 2, Friday: AANHPI Heritage Month Celebration Kickoff

Presentation at SPCC Government Center

▪ Stephen P. Clark Center

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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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Chair*

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

*Sharon Fine
Chair*

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Stephen Matsumoto
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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**

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ITC Board Member*

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ADVANCEMENT**

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair*

- May 10, Saturday: AANHPI Heritage Celebration with City of North Miami Beach
- May 10, Saturday: NAMIWALK 2025, May 10th, loanDepot Park
- May 14, Wednesday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation Annual Golf Tournament – Fundraiser
 - Jacaranda Golf Club
- May 17, Saturday: Asian Community Tour with GMCVB
 - Possible Places:
 - Our Lady of Lebanon
 - Chinese Baptist Church in Miami
 - Ichimura Japan Garden Miami
 - Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU
 - India

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

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- **34th Annual Asian Culture Festival:** Request for Payment of \$1000 from the AAAB Trust Fund to Thai American Association of Florida as co-host of 34th Annual Asian Culture Festival. The \$1000 sponsorship was received from Commissioner Kevin Cabrera, District 6, as an allocation for the 34th Annual Asian Culture Festival.
- **Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) presentation** on the Status of People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and SMART Plan 2025: April General Board Meeting: April 8, 2025 (20 minutes)- Approved January General Board Meeting
- **"Doing Business with Miami-Dade County"** Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department
 - Jeannie T. Wong, Administrative Officer III
 - June, 2025
 - Targeted industry? Targeted community?

12. Announcements

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- 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](#)
- March 16, Sunday: **The Peking Acrobats;** Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd.; 6PM; \$20 -\$75; **Save 50%** when you buy one pair of tickets of more using promo code **ACROBATS**; <https://www.arshtcenter.org/tickets/2024-2025/family-fun-live/the-peking-acrobats/>
- March 23, Sunday: **Naruto - The Symphonic Experience!**; Adrienne Arsht Center, 1300 Biscayne Blvd.; 7PM; \$45-\$125; <https://www.arshtcenter.org/tickets/2024-2025/live-at-knight/naruto-the-symphonic-experience/>
- April 4, Friday: **East Asian Market Day hosted by Sino-US Language and Culture Salon at Florida International University (FIU);** FIU's Graham Center Pit (MMC Campus), located at 10955 SW 15th Terrace, Miami, FL 33199; 11AM – 3PM
- April 4, Friday: **COISO's 57th International Week: Asia Night at University of Miami;** University of Miami, Lakeside Patio; 6PM – 9PM
- April 4, Friday: **Care Package Preparation with UM AASA;** University of Miami; 6:30PM
- April 13, Sunday: **2025 Songkran Festival;** Wat Buddharangsi, Thai Temple Miami Florida, 15200 S.W. 240th St. Miami; Free Event; <https://www.thaitemplemiamifl.org/news>
- 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

Adjournment

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[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)