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Asian American Advisory Board**



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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting  
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

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

Ref: AG-04-08-2025

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**PRESENTER**

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome** Luna Adachi
- 2. Roll Call.....** Joshua Ho
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance .....** Luna Adachi
- 4. Approval of February 2025 Minutes** Luna Adachi
- 5. Director's Report .....** Joshua Ho
- 6. Introduction of Guests .....** Luna Adachi
- 7. Special Presentations: .....** Luna Adachi
  - **20+ Years of Connecting Miami-Dade** – Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
- 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
      - April –
      - May – Israel
      - June – India (June 14<sup>th</sup>)
      - 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.....** Luna Adachi
  - **34<sup>th</sup> 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, 12 Noon

**EDUCATION/CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

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**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  
Tai Vaz*

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
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ITC Board Member*

**CULTURAL  
ADVANCEMENT**

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Phonethip "Tai" Vaz  
Chair*

- Korean Taekwondo
- Japanese Sword Demonstration
- Indian Folk Dance
- Turkish Folk Dance
- Chinese Fan Dance
- Thai Folk Dance
- May 3, Saturday: AANHPI Heritage Celebration with City of North Miami Beach
- May 10, Saturday: NAMIWALK 2025, loanDepot Park
- May 14, Wednesday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation Annual Golf Tournament – Fundraiser
  - Jacaranda Golf Club
- **May: Lunch and Learn Session with the Miami Heat Staff**
- May 17, Saturday: Asian Community Tour with GMCVB
  - Possible Places:
    - Our Lady of Lebanon
    - On Leong Merchant Association of Miami
    - Ichimura Japan Garden Miami
    - Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU
    - ISKCON Miami New Naimisaranya

#### 11. Discussion Items (New Business)

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- **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Culture Festival:** Request for Payment of \$1000 from the AAAB Trust Fund to Thai American Association of Florida as co-host of 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Culture Festival. The \$1000 sponsorship was received from Commissioner Kevin Cabrera, District 6, as an allocation for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Culture Festival.
- **Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May):** Request for Payment of up to \$1000 from the AAAB Trust Fund to Thai American Association of Florida for Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebratory events in May
- **"Doing Business with Miami-Dade County"** Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department
  - Jeannie T. Wong, Administrative Officer III
  - Targeted industry? Targeted community?
  - Possible Date: June 2025
- **2024 Source of Income Statement:** Deadline July 1, 2025: email to [financial.disclosure@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosure@miamidade.gov), [Nilda.Olmo@miamidade.gov](mailto:Nilda.Olmo@miamidade.gov), [Franklin.Castro@miamidadeclerk.gov](mailto:Franklin.Castro@miamidadeclerk.gov) and copy [hjoshua@miamidade.gov](mailto:hjoshua@miamidade.gov)
- **Report: Aftermath of the earthquake in Myanmar**

Stephen Lian Thang

#### 12. Announcements

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- 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>
- April 19, Saturday: **Colorfest Miami '25;** Haulover Park, 10800 Collins Ave.; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/colorfest-25-miamis-festival-of-colors-returns-inspired-by-holi-tickets-1257266711579?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
- April 23, Wednesday: **On Leong Merchant Association National Conference;** Embassy Suites by Hilton Miami International Airport, 3974 NW South River Drive, Miami; Contact Winnie Tang
- April 26-27, Saturday & Sunday: **Miami-Dade CountryFest;** Tropical Park; Free Admission; <https://mdcountryfest.com/tickets>
- May 8, Thursday: **City of North Miami Beach Small Business Summit & Expo;** City of North Miami Beach - Marjorie & William McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Avenue North Miami Beach; Free; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nmb-small-business-summit-expo-2025-tickets-1141042752589>
- 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](http://www.ACE-Talk.com)

#### 13. Adjournment .....

Luna Adachi

**[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)**