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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-05-13-2025**

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:** 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
 - May – Israel
 - June – India (June 14th)
 - 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
 - UMC Free Clinic Anniversary Celebration, June 13th
- 10. Current Business.....** Tai Vaz
 - **34th Annual Asian Culture Festival** – Updates
 - **Updates from Miami-Dade Sheriff Office** –Detective Brandy Conway
 - **2024 Source of Income Statement:** Deadline July 1, 2025: email to financial.disclosure@miamidade.gov, Nilda.Olmo@miamidade.gov, Franklin.Castro@miamidadeclerk.gov and copy hjoshua@miamidade.gov
 - **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
 - 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; Jacaranda Club

**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
Tai Vaz

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
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Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member

**CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT**

Li Gurau
Chair

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Sadrul Fasihi
Josephine Gordy
Subbarayan Pochi
Stephen Lian Thang
Adrianne Aiko Thompson
Tai Vaz
Jim Yu

**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

- May 17, Saturday: Asian Community Tour with GMCVB (Registration Required)
 - On Leong Merchant Association of Miami
 - Sacred Vedic Arts Bhakti-Yoga Cultural Center
 - Ichimura Japan Garden Miami
 - Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU
 - Restaurant - Abbalé Telavivian Kitchen
- May 28, Wednesday: AAPI Heritage Month Celebration at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus; 11:30AM – 1:30PM
- May 29, Thursday: Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month with Asian Real Estate Association of America Greater Miami; Mainland China Bistro 2445 University Drive, Coral Springs; \$50 pp; areaagmiami@gmail.com
- May 30, Friday: Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month with Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works
 - Stephen P Clark Government Center
 - 11AM-2PM

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

Tai Vaz

- **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.
- **Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May):** Request for Payment of \$500 from the AAAB Trust Fund to Thai American Association of Florida for Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month for Sound (\$300) and Tea Ceremony (\$200)
- **"Doing Business with Miami-Dade County"** Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department
 - Jeannie T. Wong, Administrative Officer III
 - Manny Cid, Assistant Director of Economic Development
 - Anthony Bonamy, Manager of Small Business Development
 - Targeted industry? Targeted community?
 - Possible Date: June / July 2025
- **Special Election: 3rd Vice-Chair** – June 10th Board Meeting

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- May 2, Friday to July 30, Wednesday: Centenarian Japanese Artist Yuki Kohyama Friendship Chigiri-e; Miami Dade County Public Library System – Main Library, 101 W. Flagler Street; Free
- May 16, Friday: Americans for Immigrant Justice's 2025 Annual Dinner; JW Marriott Marquis Miami 225 S Biscayne Boulevard Way Miami; 6:30PM; \$250 pp; <https://aijjustice.org/2024/09/03/may-16-2025-annual-dinner/>
- May 17, Saturday: Meet Adam Fu at Museum of Graffiti; 276 NW 26th Street; Free Event; 7PM-9PM; [Adam Fu @ Museum of Graffiti](#)
- May 20, Tuesday: Older Adult Resource Fair hosted by Elder Affairs Advisory Board; Milander Center for Arts & Entertainment, 4800 Palm Ave., Hialeah; 10AM-2PM;
- May 20, Tuesday: AANHPI Heritage Month Proclamation Ceremony – City of North Miami Beach; North Miami Beach City Hall, 17011 NE 19th Ave, North Miami Beach; 5:30PM
- 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

13. Adjournment

Tai Vaz

[Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4](#)