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Asian American Advisory Board**



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**AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 16, 2025
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-09-16-2025**

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 July 2025 Minutes** Tai Vaz
- 5. Director's Report.....** Joshua Ho
- 6. Introduction of Guests.....** Tai Vaz
- 7. Special Presentations:** Tai Vaz
 - **Introduction to Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board –**
Elizabeth Regalado, Executive Director
 - Film Screenings of **"The Last Drop"** a prevention film hosted by Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board
*October 8th - FIU Mary Anne Wolfe Theater 3000 NE 151 Street, North Miami Beach, 6PM -9PM
*October 9th - University of Miami Bill Cosford Cinema 5030 Brunson Drive, Coral Gables; 10AM - Noon
- 8. Public Comments:**
- 9. Current Business.....** Tai Vaz
 - **Updates from Miami-Dade Sheriff Office –** Detective Brandy Conway, Deputy John Leon
 - **"Doing Business with Miami-Dade County"** Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department
 - Date: Wednesday, September 24, Noon – 3PM
 - Location: City of North Miami Beach, Marjorie and William McDonald Center
 - 17051 NE 19th Ave, North Miami Beach
 - Asian Culture Series
 - Current Situations in Asian American Community
 - Mental Health in Asian American Communities (NAMI Miami-Dade)
 - Domestic Violence (MDC Domestic Violence Oversight Board)
 - Substance Abuse in Teenagers (Children's Trust)
- 10. New Business (Discussion Items).....** Tai Vaz
 - Collaboration with Chinese Language Teachers Association of Florida, Julia Zhu, President, and Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus World Language Department for **2025 Harvest Moon Festival Celebration**
 - Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus Auditorium
 - Saturday, September 27th, 1PM – 5PM
 - NAMI Miami-Dade Reel Minds
 - Little Haiti Cultural Complex
 - Saturday, October 25th, 1PM
 - Change of November General Board Meeting Date
 - Tuesday, November 11th (Veterans Day)

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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
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**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

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DEVELOPMENT**

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

11. 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
 - September – China (Miami Dade College)
 - October –
 - November – Pakistan, South Korea (FIU)
 - December
 - 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
 - InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities 2025
 - September 29, 8AM -5PM : InterContinental Doral - 2505 NW 87 Avenue
 - September 30, 8:30AM – 3PM : Florida International University (FIU), Modesto Maidique Campus
 - Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE 2025)
 - Greater Ft. Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale
 - October 22 & 23, 7AM -8PM
 - Free Admission: To Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fitce-2025-florida-international-trade-cultural-expo-10th-anniversary-tickets-1367911763909?aff=FITCEWebsite>
- **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman
 - **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

12. Announcements.....

Tai Vaz

- **September 14, Sunday:** Fushu Daiko 35 Years of Taiko South Florida Celebration Concert; Broward Center for the Performing Arts Amaturu Theater, 201 SW 5th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale; 6:30PM; <https://tickets-center.com/tickets/972213>
- **September 16, Tuesday:** Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Kickoff Event; Stephen P Clark Government Center Lobby; Noon; Free Event
- **September 17 & 18, Wednesday, Thursday:** WTE Miami 2025 - business-to-business (B2B) event that sets the stage for global expansion into the highly competitive and lucrative U.S. tourism market; Miami Beach Convention Center; 9AM – 5:30PM
- **September 24, Wednesday:** "Doing Business with Miami-Dade County" Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department and City of North Miami Beach; Marjorie and William McDonald Center, 17051 NE 19th Ave, North Miami Beach; Noon – 3PM; Free but Registration Required www.Miamidade.gov/vendorevents
- **September 27, Saturday:** 2025 Harvest Moon Festival Celebration; Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, 300 NE 2nd Ave, Building 1 Room 1261, Miami; Free Parking Building 7; 1PM – 5PM; Free Admission
- **September 25, Thursday:** Technology and the AI Evolution, a Networking Mixer hosted by the India- US Chamber of Commerce, South Florida; Deccan Spice, 1151 S. Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach; 6PM – 7:30PM; \$10pp <https://primeeventz.com/event-detail/Mjgx/networking-event-technology-and-the-ai-evolution/deccan-spice-pompano-s-federal-hwy-pompano-beach-florida-usa>
- **October 5, Sunday:** Tết Trung Thu, Vietnamese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival 2025 hosted by the Vietnamese American Community of South Florida; Polish American Club, 935 SW 71st Street, North Lauderdale; 6PM; Free Event
- **October 8, Wednesday:** Film Screenings of “The Last Drop,” a prevention film hosted by Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board; Florida International University Mary Anne Wolfe Theater 3000 NE 151 Street, North Miami Beach, 6PM -9PM; Free Admission but Registration Required <https://events.humanitix.com/national-domestic-violence-awareness-month-film-screening-the-last-drop>
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- **October 9, Thursday:** Annual Mahāvīra Nirvāṇa Lecture – Worldly Sciences and Jains in the World, hosted by FIU Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs; Florida International University Tamiami Hall, Room 121, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami; 6:30PM – 9PM; Free but Registration Required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-mahavira-nirvana-lecture-tickets-1636588924529?aff=oddtcreator>
- **October 17, Friday:** Diwali Celebration at FIU with special guest Dr. Shiv Subramaniam, Assistant Professor of Religion at Emory University; FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC); 6:30PM; Free but Registration required (Link will be forwarded)

- **October 22 & 23, Wednesday & Thursday:** Florida International Trade and Cultural Expo (FITCE 2025); Greater Ft. Lauderdale / Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale; 7AM -8PM; To Register [FITCE 2025](#)
- **October 24, Friday:** Florida's 43rd Annual MEDWeek Business Matchmaker Opportunity Conference - M. Gill & Associates, Inc.; Kovens Conference Center, 3000 Northeast 151st Street, North Miami; 10AM -5PM; Free but Registration required [Florida's 43rd Annual MEDWeek Business Matchmaker Opportunity Conference Tickets, Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
- **October 24, Friday:** Elevate Small Business Conference with Commissioner Eileen Higgins, District 5; Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus; All Day; Free Event but Registration Required www.elevatesmall.biz
- **October 25, Saturday;** NAMI Miami-Dade Reel Minds - Connecting Mental Health Awareness with the Arts!; Little Haiti Cultural Complex, 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami; Tickets Required \$ (Link will be forwarded)
- **November 2, Sunday:** Free Japanese Festival; Ichimura Miami-Japan Garden, 1101 MacArthur Causeway, Watson Island, Miami; 10:30AM -4PM; Free Admission with Additional Purchases; <https://friendsofjapanesegarden.com/>
- **Sundays:** ACE Talk Radio 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, October 14, 2025, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-3