



OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ASIAN AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD



MINUTES, Monthly Board Meeting

6:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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

Ref: 04-08-2025

Present: Luna Adachi; Vinita Chakravarty; Sadrul Fasihi; Eugene Fu; Subbarayan Pochi;
Stephen Lian Thang; Adrienne Aiko Thompson; Mehmet Ulutas; Preeya Disyanan (ITC)

Excused: Hoda Askari; Sharon Fine; Christina Fuentes; Jose Keichi Fuentes;
Josephine Gordy; Li Gurau; Smita Kulkarni; Anjana Mishra; Tai Vaz; Nick Vicera; Jim Yu

Absent:

Staff: Joshua Ho; Cedric Brazle

Guest: Javier Betancourt; John Leon; Taylor Haas; Winnie Tang; Jeannie Wong; Marcela Lopez Bravo;
Karla Damian; Jason Chen; Ellis Keeter

At 6:15 PM., Ms. Luna Adachi, 1st Vice-Chairwoman, called the meeting to order; she welcomed the members and guests.

Ms. Adachi asked the Program Director to verify the quorum. Quorum was not established.

MINUTES:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Ho welcomed the Board and the guests and thanked all for attending AAAB April General Board meeting. He reminded the Board to update their calendar for 2025 AAAB General Board Meetings and stressed having a quorum as it is very important for our communities. He proceeded to inform the Board that he is working on reappointments and appointments to AAAB and the board members' patience are very welcomed and appreciated. Mr. Ho reminded the Board that the 2024 Source of Income Statement needs to be completed by July 1, 2025: Email completed form to: financial.disclosure@miamidade.gov, Nilda.Olmo@miamidade.gov, Franklin.Castro@miamidadeclerk.gov and copy hjoshua@miamidade.gov. He once again asked the Board members to sign up for any of the three Board committees, after careful consideration of time and dedication, to actively engage our communities: Cultural Advancement Committee, Education/Civic Engagement Committee, and Economic Development Committee. Additionally, to inform any events and activities that we may as a board member can support and promote Asian American communities.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- **20+ Years of Connecting Miami-Dade** – Javier A. Betancourt, Executive Director, Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AAAB Executive Committee – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee – Li Gurau, Chairwoman

- Asian Cultural Series Sub-committee: Chair, Tai Vaz
- April –
- 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

- Report: MDC International Trade Consortium – Preeya Disyanan, ITC Board Member

AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

- Health/Wellness Sub-committee: Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

CURRENT BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events:

- 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

Adjournment:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6PM – SPCC 18-4 Conference Room