



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



MINUTES, Monthly Board Meeting

6:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

Ref: 06-10-2025

Present: Luna Adachi; Vinita Chakravarty; Sadrul Fasihi; Eugene Fu; Jose Keichi Fuentes; Josephine Gordy; Li Gurau; Taylor Haas; Luke Keisuke Nakano; Stephen Lian Thang; Mehmet Ulutas; Tai Vaz; Preeya Disyanan (ITC)

Excused: Hoda Askari; Sharon Fine; Christina Fuentes; Smita Kulkarni; Anjana Mishra; Subbarayan Pochi; Adrianne Aiko Thompson; Nick Vicera; Jim Yu

Absent:

Staff: Joshua Ho; Griselle Marino; Edryse Meus

Guest: Paul Gordon; Tina Wang Gordon; John Leon; Winnie Tang; Samira Khan; Jason Chen; Ellis Keeter; Anuradha Behari

At 6:13 PM., Ms. Tai Vaz, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order; she welcomed the members and guests. Ms. Vaz asked the Program Director to verify the quorum. Quorum was established.

MINUTES: Ms. Vaz, Chairwoman, asked the members to review the Minutes for May 2025 and requested a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Jose Keichi Fuentes moved to approve the May Minutes, Ms. Taylor Haas seconded, the Board unanimously approved the May Minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Joshua Ho welcomed the Board and the guests and thanked all for attending AAAB June General Board meeting. He congratulated and welcomed Ms. Taylor Haas, AAAB appointee of Commissioner Marleine Bastien, District 2. He congratulated Dr. Eugene Fu as the AAAB 3rd Vice-Chairman and looked forward to working with him. 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 informed the Board that he is currently working on reappointments and appointments to AAAB and the board members' patience is very welcome and appreciated. 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 encouraged 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:

- **UTSAV Miami 2025, A Celebration of India** – Team UTSAV, Miami Association of Indian Americans for Culture and Arts (MAIACA)
- **Report: Trade Mission to Thailand** – Preeya Disyanan, ITC Board Member (AAAB) & Gloria Fonseca, ITC Board Member (Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AAAB Executive Committee – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

- Report: Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 4th
 - Discussed the status of the Asian Culture Series and how to encourage participation from community representatives

AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee – Li Gurau, Chairwoman

- Asian Cultural Series Sub-committee: Chair, Tai Vaz
 - July – Pakistan
 - August -
 - September - China
 - October – South Korea
 - November - Japan
 - 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
 - UMC Free Clinic's 5th Anniversary Celebration Event (End of the Year Gala)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

- **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
- **"Doing Business with Miami-Dade County" Workshop with Miami-Dade County Strategic Procurement Department**
 - Week of September 22 – September 26
 - Possible location: City of North Miami Beach

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Committee Meeting:**
 - Education/ Civic Engagement Committee
 - Wednesday, June 18th, 11AM
 - Stephen P Clark Government Center, 10th Floor Conference Room

- **Asian Culture Series Subcommittee**
 - Wednesday, June 18th, Noon
 - Stephen P Clark Government Center, 10th Floor Conference Room
- **Asian Culture Series Format**
- **Board Engagement & Commitment**
 - Attendance & Accountability
- **Reception In Honor of AAAB and Asian Community, Hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Miami**
 - RSVP is Required
 - June 12th, 6:30PM – 8:30PM
- **Domestic Violence / Teenage Substance Abuse / Mental Health in Asian American Community**
 - Mr. Ho will coordinate with Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board for a presentation
 - Possible presentation by NAMI Miami-Dade regarding mental health
 - Possible presentation by Children's Trust for teenage substance abuse

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calendar of Events:

- **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
- **June 12, Thursday:** Women are Veterans Too: Powering Miami's Future, with Miami-Dade Beacon Council & South Dade Women Veterans Alliance; City of Homestead Government Center, 100 Civic Ct., Homestead; 10AM -2PM; Free; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-are-veterans-too-powering-miamis-future-tickets-1316355708359?aff=oddttdtcreator>
- **June 14, Saturday:** 2025 Pillar Awards, presented by Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Advisory Board; Biscayne Bay Marriott, 1633 N Bayshore Drive, Miami; 11:30AM-2PM; \$75pp, Contact Retha.Boone-Fye@miamidade.gov
- **June 14, Saturday:** American Muslim Alliance of Florida's 18th Scholarship Award Ceremony; South County Civic Center 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach; 7PM
- **June 21, Saturday:** International Yoga Day Miami; Miami-Dade County Fair & Expo Center, 10901 Coral Way, Miami; 9AM-6PM; \$25 pp; [International Yoga Day](#)
- **June 21, Saturday:** Family Action Network Movement IMMIGRATION SUMMIT 2025; Little Haiti Cultural Center 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami; 9AM-3PM
- **June 21, Saturday:** Global Africa Symposium; Miramar Commission Chamber, 2300 Civic Center Place Miramar; 10AM-4PM; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/global-africa-symposium-tickets-1318922305119>
- **June 22, Sunday:** Wat Buddharangsi of Miami 43rd Anniversary Celebration; Wat Buddharangsi (Thai Temple Miami) 15200 SW 240th Street, Miami; 10AM-4PM; <https://www.thaitemplemiamifl.org/news/wat-buddharangsi-43nd-anniversary>
- **July 12, Saturday:** Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce Miami Inauguration Party, 2025; Jacaranda Country Club, 9200 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation; 11AM-3PM; \$65pp; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSDIVAwuNjAUVcNE8s0W7EzR7h_Urm-

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- **July 12, Saturday:** Back to School Health & Safety Fair with City of Homestead PAL; Phicol Williams Community Center, 951SW 4th Street, Homestead, FL 33030; 10AM-1PM
- **July 18, Friday:** UTSAV Miami 2025, A Celebration of India with MAIACA; Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, DowntownMiami; 5PM-8PM; For Tickets [UTSAV 2025](#)
- **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: At 7:40PM, Mr. Mehmet Ulutas moved to adjourn; Ms. Taylor Haas seconded; Board unanimously approved to adjourn.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 6PM – SPCC 18-4 Conference Room