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## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Office of the State Treasurer

Absent Commissioners are **highlighted** on left.

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
  - Geoffrey Why accepted the minutes, Kay Dong seconded.
2. Vote required to satisfy MOU with the Treasury.  
Details of the appointment of the Executive Director?  
Which members of the Commission will oversee the ED's activities and timesheet?
  - The Treasury assists with paying the Executive Director's salary. The MOU requires that there are members of the Commission who can oversee the activities and time tracking of the Executive Director.
  - Sophy Theam motioned, Jennifer Cao seconded to approve that the members of the Executive Committee are to be responsible for the Executive Director to satisfy the MOU with the Treasury.
3. 2012 Unity Dinner, Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Keynote Honoree: Nitin Nohria, Dean of Harvard Business School  
Co-Chair: Vinit Nijhawan, Ganda, Senior, & Francis Chin
  - Dr. Om Ganda has volunteered to be a Co-chair. He secured a \$2.5k bronze sponsor is looking into additional pharmaceutical sponsors.
  - Not having a 501(c)3 status makes getting sponsorship more difficult. Using marketing expenditure is something sponsors have done in the past.
4. 2012 Initiatives  
Young Leader Symposium  
Resource Fair – June/Aug Chinatown festival and Aug/Sept Lowell Water festival.
  - Chris Chanyasulkit has spoken with the MBTA and Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs about possible partnerships.
  - The Lowell Water Festival is on Saturday, Aug 18th.
5. Discussion with Taro O'Sullivan, Executive Director of MAP for Health, a Massachusetts, Asian, South Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community-based organization that works for fairness, equality and inclusion for these communities in health care planning, disease prevention, primary care access, and service delivery.  
  
O'Sullivan was the Executive Director of the Oregon's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. We will have an open discussion on his work with the Commission.
  - There is interest in getting Asian American (AA) health professionals to work together, how do we do that?
  - AAs have the lowest screening rate of breast and cervical cancer.
6. New business  
Old Business – Commissioner manual online by end of the week.