



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson
Wingkey Leung

Vice Chairperson
Vira Douangmany Cage

Treasurer
Mabel Lam

Secretary
Dimple J. Rana

Jonjy Ananth
Nick Chau
Mary Chin
Elisa Choi*
Loan Thi Dao*
Gilbert Ho*
Ivy Ho
Vanna Howard*
Pralhad KC
Nina Liang
Chung Liu
John Naranja
Anil Saigal
Kimberly Truong*
Ying Wang

Executive Director
Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place
12th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
www.aacommission.org

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2nd floor, Boston, MA 02116

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance

1. Accepted previous minutes for July 2018
Vira motion to approve, Jonjy second, Nick and Loan abstain
2. Executive Director and Executive Committee Report
3. Commissioner reimbursement Forms
 - All Commissioners have been sent forms to submit for reimbursement
4. Annual Retreat Facilitator
 - Vote to hire Heang Ly as facilitator - Motion passed
5. FY19 Appropriation
 - AAC will not move \$3200 to appropriation
6. Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each

Unity Dinner

- No updates to report

PR/Legislation

- Partnering with SEARAC in DC for Advocacy Day, Nov 15
- SEARAC can cover expenses - willing to help pay for materials needed
- Recruiting member based organizations
- Tentative agenda: morning remarks, panel, keynote speaker, training by SEARAC, legislative visits, closing/debrief
- General education, no advocacy for specific bills
- Keynote: Quyen Dinh, Executive Director of SEARAC

Finance/Admin

- Provided July monthly expenses

Health and Human Services

- Hoping to have a smaller subgroup to meet with grant writer
- Committee is looking into smaller events to help raise awareness
- Looking into developing a 'cheat sheet' to use in the community
- Will look into focusing on how to connect to harder to reach Asian American communities (Hmong, Burmese, Bhutanese)



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

Wingkay Leung

Vice Chairperson

Vira Douangmany Cage

Treasurer

Mabel Lam

Secretary

Dimple J. Rana

Jonjy Ananth

Nick Chau

Mary Chin

Elisa Choi*

Loan Thi Dao*

Gilbert Ho*

Ivy Ho

Vanna Howard*

Pralhad KC

Nina Liang

Chung Liu

John Naranja

Anil Saigal

Kimberly Truong*

Ying Wang

Executive Director

Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place

12th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

www.aacommission.org

Young Leaders Symposium

- 5 possible breakout sessions – HHS Committee, LGBTQ advocate, ACDC, Diana Hwang, Harvard Kennedy School
- Only 1 scholarship applicant so far – need to continue outreach

Economic Development

- Gilbert will be stepping down in November
- Possible collaborations with East West Bank and SBA upcoming

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- UMass Asian American Film Festival
AAC was approached to help collaborate with UMass Amherst to help host a film festival, tentative dates: Nov 7, 8, 9
- AAC will be invited in planning and to provide remarks at the event
Motion to support (undefined amount) – Vote passed

9. Next Commission Meeting: Retreat on Saturday, September 15

- No monthly meeting on September 12

10. Community Updates & Meeting adjourned

Upcoming Resource Fairs

a. Chinatown August Moon Festival

Boston Chinatown, August 12, 10am - 5pm

b. Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

515 Pawtucket Blvd, Lowell, Massachusetts, August 18

c. Quincy August Moon Festival

Quincy Center, 1300 Hancock St & Washington St, Quincy, MA
August 19, 12pm – 5pm