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Dec 12, 2022, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83421971270>

*Please note that this meeting will be recorded

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law and COVID-19.

Attachments:

- Draft meeting minutes: November 15, 2022
- FY22 state and non-profit budget spreadsheet
- Executive/Staff reports
- Western Mass program with JDs
- AAPIC Elections Policy and EC Candidate Statement
- Grants Decision Rubric 2022
- Draft FY 2023 State Appropriation Budget revised_Dec 2022

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Megha Prasad, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Ekta Saksena, Commissioner Pralhad KC, Commissioner Cinda Danh, Commissioner Sam Hyun, Commissioner Philjay Solar, Commissioner Danielle Kim, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Mary Chin (10)

Chair Bharath is unable to join.

Staff Present: Executive Director Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, Youth Coordinator Abdul Haseeb Hamza, Communications & Outreach Manager Jennifer Best, Program & Research Director Esther Kim, Development & Communications Intern Bonnie Chen, Public Health & Pacific Islander Coordinator Siale Teaupa, Youth Council Members Deekshita Madhalam, Sea Kay Leung, Lillyana Yim, Lila Yoon

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 6:33pm.

2. Commissioners Check-in: 5 minutes

3. Public Comment Period: 2 mins

4. Community Dialogue: 5 mins

- a. [Make Us Visible](#) - Kate Lee, Jeffrey Gu

12 active state chapters including MA. 100% volunteer-run. Hope to elevate AAPIC contributions across the U.S. and celebrate successes and role models (not primarily trauma-centered narratives). Supported bipartisan advocacy to pass bills in NJ, CT, and RI to include AAPIC history in K-12 curriculum. Focuses on parent, student, teacher and community/district engagement.

Commissioner Danielle Kim joins at 6:35pm. Commissioner Richard Chu joins at 6:36pm.

Commissioner Prasad and the Executive Director Padamsee Forbes recognize the contributions of the Youth Council and Youth Coordinator's Haseeb Hamza this past year. Youth Council members share reflections on their experiences.



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5. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 3 minutes

a. November 15, 2022 (VOTE)

VOTE: Commissioner Solar motions to approve the minutes. Gary Chu seconds.

Yes: Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner KC, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Prasad

Abstain: Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun

7 votes in the affirmative. 2 abstentions. The motion passes.

Commissioner Mary Chin joins at 6:54pm.

6. Reports: 10 minutes

- a. Executive & Staff Reports
- b. ED & Staff reports – Yasmin

Yasmin gives an update on the appointment of Commissioners, swearing-in ceremony on Feb 21 with the State Treasurer, plans for a listening session in Lowell on Jan 29, update on the community grants, hiring of interns and development of a intern onboarding program developed by AAPIC's interns, Financial management, and welcomes the new Public Health & Pacific Islander Coordinator Siale Teupa.

Jennifer gives an update about the hiring of a Governance & Policy Coordinator, the grants process, and the development of the annual report.

Esther gives an update about programming and research, related to mental health, youth activism and education, book club suggested by Bonnie, intern onboarding process developed by AAPIC Interns, 2023 Unity Dinner, among other initiatives. Esther shares that the Unity Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Hasen gives an update about the hiring of the new Youth Coordinator and selecting of new Youth Council members, Update on creating a document on lessons learned, and ensuring YC members can contribute as Youth mentors.

Bonnie gives an update about social media, the quarterly newsletter, and the annual report.

c. EC Report

Commissioner Prasad gives a brief update about the Executive Committee, which has mostly focused on hiring of interns positions and grants.

d. Sub-committees

New Business:

7. Voting for new Executive Committee members (VOTE)

VOTE: Commissioner Kim motions to vote Richard Chu in as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hyun seconds.



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Yes: Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Prasad, Commissioner Chin

The motion passes unanimously.

Yasmin shares that another round of elections will occur in January 2023 for Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

8. Draft FY 2023 State Appropriation Budget revised **(VOTE)**

VOTE: Commissioner Gary Chu motions to approve the revised FY 2023 State appropriation budget as proposed. Commissioner KC seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Prasad

The motion passes unanimously.

9. Community Grants **(VOTE)**

VOTE: Commissioner Solar motions to approve the grant recipients as proposed. Commissioner Danh seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Prasad

The motion passes unanimously.

10. Candidates selected for Governance and Policy Coordinator and Youth Coordinator **(VOTE)**

VOTE: Commissioner Solar motions to approve the candidate for Governance and Policy Coordinator. Commissioner Kim seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Prasad

Abstain: Commissioner Solar

9 votes in the affirmative. 1 abstention. The motion passes.

VOTE: Commissioner Solar motions to approve the candidate for Youth Coordinator. Commissioner Kim seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Richard Chu

Abstain: Commissioner Prasad



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9 votes in the affirmative. 1 abstention. The motion passes.

11. Close AAPIC accounts and transfer money to TRE to hold in a trust account **(VOTE)**

VOTE: Commissioner Gary Chu motions to close AAPIC accounts and transfer money to TRI to hold in a trust account . Commissioner Richard Chu seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Prasad

The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

12. Description of Western Mass Advisory group and Western Mass Coordinator

Commissioner Richard Chu speaks to the creation of a Western Mass Advisory Group and requests an intern Western Mass Coordinator.

13. New Intern: Western Mass Coordinator **(VOTE)**

VOTE: Commissioner Gary Chu motions to approve the creation of the Western Mass Coordinator position. Commissioner Richard Chu seconds.

Yes: Commissioner KC, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Hyun, Commissioner Gary Chu, Commissioner Saksena, Commissioner Danh, Commissioner Solar, Commissioner Chin, Commissioner Richard Chu, Commissioner Prasad

The motion passes unanimously.

14. Future Agenda Items Suggestions
15. Next Commission Meeting: January 17, 2023

Commissioner KC leaves the meeting at 7:56pm.

The meeting is ended at 7:57pm (with no vote to adjourn)

**Anyone wishing to address the AAPI Commission during the Public Comment section of the agenda may indicate that by "raising their hand" virtually and will be recognized by the Chair. Speakers are asked to identify themselves and provide an address, and each speaker is limited to not more than three (3) minutes.*



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