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Monthly AAPIC Program & Research Subcommittee Meetings

Meeting Link: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6603360175>

Meeting ID: 660 336 0175

December 16th, 2024 - 1 to 2 PM EST

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

<p>Program & Research Subcommittee Team Members</p>	<p><u>AAPIC</u> Commissioner Saatvik Ahluwalia (Chair) Commissioner Amy Goh Commissioner Karen Chen Commissioner Moana Bentin Commissioner Jennifer Rubin Commissioner Dr. Marilyn Park Yasmin Padamsee Forbes Shubhecchha Dhaurali</p>
<p>Aim</p>	<p>Spearhead our community engagement and research efforts, ensuring we stay connected and informed about the community's needs. The tag, "Engage & Insight," highlights our commitment to engaging with our community and gaining insights through research.</p>
<p>Focus Areas</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health, Education 2. Youth Council 3. Pacific Islanders 4. Western Mass 5. Listening Sessions 6. Tracking impact of programs 7. Conducting Surveys

In Attendance:

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1. Call to Order

Commissioner _____ calls the meeting to order at _____.

2. Updates on Programs & Research

3. Small Grants - added responsibility to this subcommittee

- a. Grants subcommittee have selected recipients
- b. Before Feb. 2024's AAPIC meeting, will have analysis finished

Fall 2024 Grants Applications

4. Expanding public comment at commission meetings to gather more community input

- a. Last meeting, Jennifer Best confirmed that government relations is aware of this issue and plans to expand public comment sections at commission meetings for broader input.
- b. Commission members discuss incorporating hybrid format for public hearings to increase accessibility.
- c. Any other ideas or comments from this subcommittee?

5. Discuss the OWL camera device used at the retreat and how it could facilitate hybrid meetings.

- a. More accessibility - OWL conferencing camera
<https://owllabs.com/products/meeting-owl-3>

6. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner ___ makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner ___ seconds.

Yes:

The motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at ___ PM.



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Previous matters

Public Hearing - bringing up in maybe October, November? Commission Meeting

- a. AAPI Alliance Presentation 4 MA AAPI Commission 8.6.24
 - b. Bhutanese Listening Session MBMMxAAPIC 2024 Full Report
 - c. Afghan Listening Session MMBMxAAPIC Full Event Report 2...
 - i. **Cost of Living & Housing**
 - ii. **Mental Health**
 - iii. **Language Barriers & Communication Gaps**
 - d. Outline
 - i. Present national mental health data and qualitative listening session findings at public hearings
2. Key Issue Area Determination ([link](#))
 - a. Emailed Jennifer regarding proposing mental health, housing, and language access as key issue areas for commission vote
 3. Community Health Equity Survey Results
 - a. AAPIC_CHES_Request_DRAFT.xlsx
 - b. AAPI Community Health Equity Survey Results

Strategic Priorities & Programs and Research

Current programs/research

Youth Council

Survey

Small Grants

Listening sessions/potential of hearings

Pacific Islander programming

Western Mass programming

1. Strategic Plan Updates [AAPI Strategic Priorities 2024-2026 FINAL DRAFT.docx](#)
 - a. Health, Education
 - i. Past focus: mental health [2 Health & Human Services Subcommittee](#)
 - b. Youth Council [Drive](#)
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 1**: Elevate the voices of AAPI individuals who call Massachusetts home by building clear accountability and the fair distribution of resources to achieve equitable outcomes.



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1. Elevating Youth Voice through the Youth Council - By **December 2024**, re-think how to meaningfully integrate Youth Council members into Commission activities, such as participating in annual in-person meetings with Asian Caucus members.
 - a. New program
 - i. [YC Manual](#)
 - ii. [AAPIC Youth Council Manual Fall 2024 - Spring 2025](#)
 - iii. [Ashley + Shubhecchha YC Meeting Notes](#)
 - c. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Increase connections in all regions of the state - By **June 2025** and ongoing, develop a long-term plan to strengthen partnerships with Cape and Islands, Northshore, Southshore, and Central MA
 - i. Pacific Islanders
 1. [Brissa & Shubhecchha Meetings](#)
 - d. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Increase connections in all regions of the state - By December 2024 and ongoing strengthen partnerships with communities in Western MA.
 - i. Western Mass [Drive](#)
 1. [Shubhecchha & Evan Meetings](#)
 2. [AAPIC Western Mass Meetings Qualitative/Thematic Analysis](#)
 - e. **Strategic Priority 2** - Increase visibility of AAPI Commission and its work by giving a public voice to issues the community cares about
 - i. Listening Sessions
 1. [AAPIC Listening Sessions Toolkit](#)
 2. [AAPIC Listening Session Qualitative Analysis 2024](#)
 - f. Conducting Surveys
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Build partnerships with research institutions (e.g. University of Massachusetts Boston, state agencies) to gather annual data on the Massachusetts AAPI community
 - ii. UMass Boston x AAPI Survey
 1. [Survey AAPIC x UMB](#)



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- g. Tracking impact of programs
 - i. Addresses **Strategic Priority 3**- Build strategic partnerships and be a bridge to state-level agencies and institutions - Strengthen partnerships with community organizations
 - 1. **Deadline:** By **June 2024**, complete an analysis of which groups have applied for small grants in the past and make an outreach plan.
 - a. Small Grants
 - i. [2023 AAPI Small Grant Outcomes.pptx](#)
 - ii. [2022 AAPI Small Grant Outcomes..pptx](#)
 - b. [Measuring Small Grants Outcomes](#)
 - c. EC Funding
 - i. [EC & Subcommittees Funding Log 2023-2024](#)



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