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Agenda

AAPIC Government Relations, Civil Rights, and Advocacy Subcommittee Meetings

Thursday, March 13 · 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88599543530>

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

Attendees

Commissioners present: Danielle Kim and Bahara Hussaini

Staff present: Leela Ramachandran and Yasmin Padamsee Forbes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Leela called meeting to order at 12:03 PM.
- Commissioners and staff present introduced themselves

2. Choose a subcommittee chair

- Commissioner Danielle is open to being the subcommittee chair for this session, and interested in building leadership capacity via a chair/vice-chair model for this subcommittee, as well as others.
- Putting forth Commissioners Danielle (Chair) and Bahara (Vice-chair) for full Committee vote at next meeting.

3. Discuss upcoming legislative session (30 mins)

- Leela presented [legislative overview slides](#)
- Committee discussed how immigration plays into this cycle, as Commissioner Bahara highlighted many concerns.
- Plan is to start with bills that were refiled this session, then expand a bit. Focused on statewide bills.
- Staff have received individual emails with legal concerns. Staff looking for direction in responding. Commissioner Danielle suggested we respond with resources and referral to others including the Attorney General. Not our purview to directly reply.
- Interest among subcommittee members present in legislative advocacy tiers
- How do we integrate with Asian Caucus, APIs CAN, ACF, and others? Would be helpful to understand what Asian Caucus is endorsing and other Asian serving-organizations.



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4. Decide on consistent meeting schedule (10 mins)

- Subcommittee members decided to meet every 3 weeks (4/3 and 4/24) on Thursdays at noon.

Adjourned at 12:51 pm.



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