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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 16 · 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM EST

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/834219712701>

*Please note this meeting will be recorded and held via zoom & teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law

Attachments:

Please review meeting folder for the complete package

1. Call to Order (1 minute)
2. Public Comment (3 minutes)

New Business:

3. Creating Clarity: Review Current Financial Management System, Q&A (10 minutes)
 - a. Introduction: Eleanor Liu, Commission's CPA
4. 2026 Youth Council Members (VOTE) (5 minutes)
 - a. Shubhecchha Dhaurali, Ashley Shan
5. Executive Committee Elections: Interim vs. 1+ Year Term (5 minutes)
 - a. Commissioner Moana Bentin's interest to serve
 - b. Seeking other Commissioners to apply
6. Afghan Community Crisis: Exception Request to support Federal Bill - Enduring Welcome Act (Potential VOTE) (10 minutes)
 - a. Commissioner Bahara Hussaini
 - b. John Moses (Mass Afghan Alliance)
7. Salem Seal Change Support (VOTE) (10 minutes)
 - a. Commissioner Christopher Huang
 - b. Aditi Ahlawat, Rachel TonThat (Salem City Seal Taskforce)

Old Business:



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8. Budget Finalization (VOTE) - (30 minutes)
 - a. Team Capacity, Current Community Needs, Survey Results, Gaps, Deprioritization Options
 - b. Commission's July 2025 Meeting
9. Executive Director Search Updates (10 minutes)
 - a. Leela Ramachandran & Shubhecchha Dhaurali

Reports: (10 Minutes)

10. Interim ED Report
11. Sub-Committee & Other Updates
 - a. Diwali 2025: Commissioner Rakashi Chand
 - b. Program & Research: Shubhecchha Dhaurali

Administrative Items:

12. Meeting minutes approval
13. Suggestions for future agenda items

The next AAPIC meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30 pm EST. Hybrid Meeting with space reserved on 12th Floor, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA. It is to be noted that October 21st is Diwali.

14. Meeting Adjournment



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