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AAPIC Government Relations, Civil Rights, and Advocacy Subcommittee  
Meetings

Thursday, April 24 · 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5699048155?omn=84834348658>

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

**Commissioners Present:** Bahara Hussaini, Danielle Kim

**Staff Present:** Leela Ramachandran

#### 1. Call to Order (2 mins)

- Commissioner Danielle Kim called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

#### 2. Approve draft meeting minutes of April 3, 2025: VOTE (2 mins)

- Commissioner Danielle Kim moved to approve draft minutes of April 3, 2025. Commissioner Bahara Hussaini seconds. Approved unanimously via roll call vote (2-0).

#### 3. Discussion of bills: possible VOTE (30 mins)

- Leela walked attendees through the bills the Commission is considering endorsing.
- Commissioners present discussed using a working definition of coalition support to mean that there is an existing group mobilizing around this bill/issue.
- There was also a discussion of what the AAPIC's niche is in relation to bills and advocacy.
- Missing mental health & arts/culture
  - Bill provides long-term support and grants

#### 4. Discussion of meeting schedule (5-10 mins)

- Future meeting will be on Wednesday May 14 @noon

#### 5. Subcommittee budget/expenditures discussion (10 mins)

- Commissioner Danielle Kim asked about her recollection of an expenditure approved by the subcommittee but not listed in the overview document. It was from Summer/Fall of 2024 and the Commission was to give funds to APIs CAN for Data Equity Bill implementation. Asked Leela to follow up about this.
- Our remaining funds could be used toward translated versions of bill fact sheets. Also could be used for the survey release event



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coming up in June.

### 6. Agenda items for next meeting (5 mins)

- Consensus around initial slate of bills
- Funding discussion: document translation and update on budget

Commissioner Danielle Kim moved to approve. Commissioner Bahara Hussaini seconds. Approved unanimously via roll call vote (2-0). Meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.

### Attachments:

[Draft meeting minutes of April 3, 2025](#)

[Subcommittee budget/expenditures document](#)



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