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Agenda

AAPIC Government Relations, Civil Rights, and Advocacy Subcommittee Meetings

Wednesday, May 14 · 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

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

Attachments

[Draft minutes - April 24, 2025](#)

Attendees: Commissioner Bahara Hussaini, Commissioner Danielle Kim, Leela Ramachandran

1. Call to order and brief updates

Commissioner Danielle called meeting to order at 12:07 pm. Leela updated on three items:

- a. Senate will be discussing their budget next week
- b. ICE activity increased in MA over next month
- c. CARE Coalition asked about co-sponsoring advocacy day on June 18th in Hall of Flags @ Statehouse

2. Approve draft minutes

Commissioner Danielle moves to approve minutes as drafted. Commissioner Bahara seconds. Approved unanimously (2-0-0).

3. Discussion of bills - working toward bringing slate forward to full Commission for endorsement

For the full Commission meeting in May, it would be helpful to have a one-pager with the name of the bill, a 1-2 sentence overview, and a link to the policy spreadsheet with more information. Leela will work on this and circulate.

4. Subcommittee resource reallocation

Present Commissioners agreed to prioritize ~5 language translations for 6 bill fact sheets (as many as possible within confines of budgetary limits). Directed staff to choose languages based on information available, and the remaining language translations will be included in the next FY budget.



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5. Agree on set meeting time moving forward

For the remainder of 2025:

- a. June 5 @ noon
- b. July 10 @ 12:30 pm
- c. August 7 @ noon
- d. Sept 4 @ noon
- e. Oct 2 @ noon
- f. Nov 6 @ noon
- g. Dec 4 @ noon

Leela will send out calendar holds.

Commissioner Danielle moves to adjourn. Commissioner Bahara seconds. Unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting (2-0-0). May 14, 2025 meeting adjourns at 12:41 pm.



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