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## Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission

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### Meeting Agenda

Unity Dinner Subcommittee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88390600771?pwd=TUKAjnOCbEsc4yZ5NUop0bZN0cbbeN.1>

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

#### Attachments:

- Ticket Sale Tracker
  - Draft Program (Last Updated 2/10)
  - Unity Dinner Project Timeline
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#### Attendees:

**Commissioners:** Moana Bentin, Jennifer Rubin, Rakashi Chand, Saatvik Ahluwalia

**Staff:** Lizette Sta. Maria, Leela Ramachandran

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

Commissioner Moana Bentin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

#### 2. Ticket Sales/Sponsorships Update - Leela, Lizette, Yasmin (5 mins)

Lizette updated the subcommittee: we've sold 112 tickets of 300, and sold out of Early Bird tickets. We are publicizing via social media, the Unity Dinner webpage on the website, and in the newsletter. Lizette and Leela will be developing a list of invitations, and Commissioner Moana suggests we consider adding community organizations and the DJ can promote.

Encourage Commissioners to post on their individual networks and social media during the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Saatvik suggested a press release, and suggested tapping Commissioners Gary Yu and Richard Chu. Commissioner Rakashi encouraged a standalone email to the newsletter about the Unity Dinner. Commissioner Moana suggested reaching out to the list of previous attendees.

*Commissioner Jennifer Rubin left at 6:19 pm.*

#### 3. Program Discussion (20 mins)

Commissioner Moana would like Commissioner Saatvik to open the program and welcome



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attendees as the Chair of the AAPIC, as well as announce awardees, *and* we should prepare for a back-up. Interest in pursuing a stage and a dance floor.

Commissioners also discussed where to slot performers in between speakers.

*Commissioner Jennifer Rubin re-joined at 6:25 pm.*

#### 4. **Additional Topics/Open Discussion** (30 mins)

- a. Dinner food
  - i. Salads pre-set, and food is distributed shortly after
  - ii. Switch beef with chicken?
- b. Ask DJ to promote

*Commissioner Saatvik Ahluwalia leaves at 6:43 pm.*

#### 5. Clarify Actionable Next Steps (3 mins)

- a. Staff will follow up with hotel about opportunities for a stage and dance floor
- b. Ask Commissioner Gary if he is willing to be a backup for Commissioner Saatvik in case he's unable to attend
- c. Follow up with the hotel re: food switch and floorplan including tables
- d. Extra email that just advertises Unity Dinner

Moana adjourns the meeting at 6:58 pm.



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