**Board Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, January 23, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Zoom Conference Call

1. **Call to Order**

Quorum reached at 10:03 AM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 10:04 AM.

*Present:* Chair Nam Nguyen, 1st Vice Lydia Faitalia, 2nd Vice Chair Ekkarath Sisavatdy, Cmmr. Lori Wada, Cmmr. Helen Christensen, Cmmr. Tam Dinh, Cmmr. Lalita Uppala, Cmmr. Ping Ping, Cmmr. Toka Valu, Cmmr. Julio Diaz, Cmmr. Sam Cho

*Absent:* Cmmr. Huie-Pascua (excused)

*Staff:* Executive Director Toshiko Grace Hasegawa, Project Manager Rosa Mai, Project Coordinator Brenda O’Brien

1. **Welcome**

Welcoming remarks were made by Executive Director Ed Prince, Commission on African American Affairs. CAAA is currently keeping an eye on a number of legislation, including HB 1054 on police tactics, HB 1016 that would make Juneteenth a state holiday, and SB 5105 that pertains to the Equity Office.

1. **Approval of Agenda & Minutes**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by Cmmr. Ping. No dissents, or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the last meeting minutes was made by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by Cmmr. Diaz. No dissents, or abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **Legislative & Budget Priorities**

Project Manager Mai reviewed the legislative agenda for CAPAA this year. The priorities and full description of each one can be found in Section 4 of the Staff Report available on our website [here](https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/January-2021-Staff-Report-1.pdf). Community priorities and voice were a huge factor in what CAPAA chose to prioritize.

Cmmr. Wada made a motion of adding HB 1334 (adding state funding for small business assistance) to our list of legislative priorities. Seconded by Cmmr. Cho. Project Manager Mai, as a point of information, notes that the bill is an appropriations bill, which means there would be a lot to unpack to

understand it more fully, and would feel more comfortable in further reviewing the bill before adding it to our legislative agenda.

In lieu of this information, Cmmr. Wada moved to have the bill reviewed more closely before having the Commission vote on having it added. Project Manager Mai will follow up with the Economic Development Committee once review is completed, and have them vote on if we should present it at our March Board Meeting as something to add.

Cmmr. Cho moves to have an ad hoc Legislative Committee, with one representative from each committee, meet regularly to keep track of the bills CAPAA is supporting. Seconded by 1st Vice Chair Faitalia. Motion passes unanimously. No abstentions. No dissents.

1. **Commissioner Community Updates**

First Vice Chair Faitalia is working with community leaders to convey legislative priorities and to unpack bills, with the hope of being able to share that with the larger NHPI community.

Cmmr. Christenen worked with a recently laid off employee of Chinese American descent, due to racial reasons. She was able to provide support, resources, and plan of recourse.

Cmmr. Ping shares that the Marshallese community is the last to be served. There still is not information about COVID available to them in their language on the DOH website. They also are the last to be informed regarding unemployment insurance.

Cmmr. Valu reports that the NHPI community is setting up a mobile vaccination clinic on February 4th in South King County. HCA has finally hired their COFA Islander Health Program Manager. PICA’s food distribution program is still up and running throughout the state. A new site for it was opened up in SW Washington.

Second Vice Chair Sisavatdy shares that the United Communities of Laos are working towards the establishment of a community center. They were able to solidify a grant to put forth a capital budget request.

Cmmr. Diaz conveys that the Economic Development Committee has been very busy with assisting small business due to COVID impacts. Their next meeting will look at best practices to see what’s been working and determine how to use that to include it in the Strategic Plan.

Cmmr. Uppala reports that the Asian Indian community has ramped up efforts to service workers. It is still very reactive at this point, and there is still no long-term work available. Alternative practices around employment have been the focus as of late. Also, despite education and information around the vaccination, there still is doubt and mistrust towards it. The impact of COVID and loss of life on mental health has been huge.

Cmmr. Dinh shares that among the Vietnamese community there is a lot of concern around having access to the vaccine. Questions about where to get it and how to sign up have been constant. In Chinatown, $800,000 has been raised to help small businesses there. In the area of education, there are needs for extra support, but they are not getting what they need. Fears of reopening schools are common among the API communities. Affluent families are more likely to advocate for schools reopening.

Cmmr. Wada has continues to be busy with assisting small businesses. A second round of PPP applications are in the translation stage to be distributed to the Korean community. There have been an increase in calls around mental health and financial difficulties in meeting rent obligations. Assistance that has been received so far has only covered the surface of the total still owed.

1. **MOCC Legislative Priority Items**

Senator Rebecca Saldana, of the 37th Legislative District and co-chair of the MOCC, reports on the list of priorities being supported by the Members of the Color Caucus. They include legislation on police reform, economic opportunities focused on green investments and transportation, centering equity on education, the pandemic, and inequities in the tax system.

Though adequate representation for communities has been slow, it has become much more representative now. She believes that when we have more representation that reflects our lived experiences, we get better policy.

1. **Public Forum**

Addy Sandoval, King County Coalition Against Hate & Bias, shares several issues he is interested in regarding the marginalized communities he comes from. He advocates for the reallocation of fare enforcement funding to community bus passes and abolishing fares completely, as over 90% of driver assaults happen over fare disputes. He also advocates for the reallocation of funding for school police officers to afterschool programs that are mandated and not just optional.

He would like to know how it prioritized in determining who gets assistance. He is curious about what sort of accountability is in place to make sure policies are being enforced and funding is going to where it should be going. Lastly, he would like to touch on the delay of translated COVID literature brought up earlier in the meeting. As someone who is Indigenous, he is wondering if translated materials have been created for his community, where a language revival has been taking place.

ED Hasegawa requested Addy leave his email address, so that CAPAA can follow up with him to further the discussion in the future. She also responded to some of the main concerns by talking about the [Language Access Plan](https://capaa.wa.gov/washington-state-language-access-plan/) that was rolled out by the governor, which mandates the timely translation of

literature. She also welcomes his feedback if he is aware of any solutions that he can point us in the direction of with regards to fare enforcement.

Royalla Bernard, King County Coalition Against Hate & Bias, shares her thoughts in regards to the 2021 King County legislative budget that she was recently made aware of. She never knew these existed and it was the first time she and her team had seen it. As they unpacked the budget, more questions arose as they realized the verbiage was vague, and they wondered who the data was being collected from. There were also questions surrounding where the funding was coming from.

Royalla also shared her personal experience regarding access to healthcare. Her mother, who was undocumented, passed away at 43 because she didn’t have access. She is very interested in being educated about legislative and civil engagement. She would like to request funding from the Commission to educate her team and other young people better understand policies that impact their communities

ED Hasegawa conveyed her excitement about the possibility of providing some civic engagement pointers and asked Royalla to share her email for an initial meeting in the near future. Perhaps during APA Heritage Month in May, Royalla and her team can organize a panel or forum for CAPAA to come share information.

Paris Oldham, King County Coalition Against Hate & Bias, shared his thoughts about the role that implicit bias plays in the training and re-education of people. If there exists in someone an implicit fear of others, it is difficult to easily overcome.

Thyda Ros, with the Cambodian Khmer community, is advocating for the health coverage to be extended to age 26. She is currently assisting a young person with a dental issue, but is having difficulty getting coverage because of her age. She is also concerned, on behalf of her community, about data deaggregation, affordable housing with long wait lists, lack of social services, investing in our youth, especially in the area of mental health, and access to vaccinations, especially for caregivers of elders.

**VIII. DOH: Covid-19 Vaccine Update**

Mary Huynh, Office of Immunizations, and Director Paj Nandi, DOH Center for Public Affairs reported on vaccination updates for the state. The goal is to vaccinate 45K daily for the state to have reached 70% of the population over 7 months. Currently, we are only vaccinating between 14-17K a day. Full report can be accessed below.



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1. **UW: Statewide Survey on Covid-19 Prevalence**

Cheryl Dietrich, MPH, and Dr. Keith Jerome, MD for UW Division of Virology, reported on the survey being conducted to determine the prevalence of COVID-19 in Washington State. Full presentation can be accessed below.



1. **Commission Business**

Action to approve CAPAA leg & budget priorities- Motion to approve CAPAA’s legislative and budget priorities was made by Cmmr. Ping. Seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Sisavatdy. Motion passes unanimously. No abstentions. No dissents.

Action to approve DEI Policies- Motion to approve current DEI policies until Chair Nam can submit revisions made by Chair Nam. Seconded by Cmmr. Ping. Motion passed unanimously. No abstentions. No dissents.

1. **Staff Report**

Project Manager Mai presented a verbal overview of her written report at 12:17 PM.



1. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by 1st Vice Chair Faitalia. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.

1. **Chat Box Transcript**

From Me to Everyone: 09:51 AM

Good Morning Everyone! Welcome to our Board Meeting! Please make sure to sign in here and include your organization.

From Cheryl Dietrich to Me: (Privately) 10:00 AM

Hi Brenda, screen share is currently disabled so I'm not sure if you or Rose could turn it back on when it's my time slot?

From Me to Cheryl Dietrich: (Privately) 10:01 AM

yes she can. I will let her know.

From Cheryl Dietrich to Me: (Privately) 10:01 AM

\*Rosa - Thanks so much!

From Paul Tabayoyon to Everyone: 10:02 AM

Paul Tabayoyon, APIC of Yakima County

From Ed Prince to Everyone: 10:02 AM

Ed Prince, Executive Director Commission on African American Affairs

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/hers to Everyone: 10:02 AM

<https://capaa.wa.gov/about/board-meetings/>

From Helen Christensen to Everyone: 10:02 AM

Good morning every one !!

From Me to Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/hers: (Privately) 10:03 AM

Cheryl will need screensharing on her turn. also are we on record?

From Paris to Everyone: 10:03 AM

hi I’m Paris I’m working with the king county coalition against hate and bias.

From Addy (he/him/they/them) to Everyone: 10:04 AM

Good morning, Addy Sandoval, working with King County Coalition Against Hate and Bias

From Lin Crowley to Everyone: 10:05 AM

Greetings from Lin Crowley, APIC SPS

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 10:08 AM

Great to have you here Director Prince.

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/hers to Everyone: 10:08 AM

Thank you to everyone joining us! You can access our meeting materials, including our meeting agenda, here: <https://capaa.wa.gov/about/board-meetings/>

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:08 AM

Thank you for joining us this morning director prince!

Thank you Commissioner Cho!

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 10:09 AM

Thank you for joining us Director Prince!

Nice to see ED Toshiko!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:12 AM

Good to see you all

From Sam Cho to Everyone: 10:12 AM

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From Lori Wada to Everyone: 10:21 AM

can you also track Bill 1334 which is to support small business community and rental assistance programs?

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:23 AM

@lori yes

@cheryl hello! Thank you for joining us today!

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:28 AM

Thanks Comm. Wada

Thank You Rosa - this is much need work and so appreciate your work

From Julio Dale Diaz to Everyone: 10:29 AM

Thank you Lori, we will certainly track Bill 1334 in our EDC and add the bill to our next EDC mtg agenda

From Helen Christensen to Everyone: 10:29 AM

Thank you, Rosa

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 10:29 AM

Thank you Rosa for all of your hard work

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 10:29 AM

Thank you Rosa for the hard and important work!

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/hers to Everyone: 10:29 AM

<https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/January-2021-Staff-Report-1.pdf>

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 10:29 AM

Thank you Comm. Wada

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:32 AM

I love that idea @ cmmr cho

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:42 AM

Hello Senator Saldana & Senator Hasegawa. Thank you both for joining us this morning!

From Senator Saldaña to Everyone: 10:43 AM

Thank you, Director Hasegawa! I am excited to hear the updates from the commissioners.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Me: (Privately) 10:43 AM

Great job this morning, Brenda!

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:58 AM

It is an honor to meet you Senator Saldana - thank you for your leadership.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:59 AM

we appreciate YOU senator!!!

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy (he/him) to Everyone: 10:59 AM

Thank you for joining us today Senator Saldana and for your leadership on all our behalf

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 11:00 AM

Thank you coming joining us Senator Saldana.

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:08 AM

Thank you, Senator Saldana for your wisdom and your heartwork in our communities!

From Addy (he/him/they/them) to Everyone: 11:10 AM

I would like to make a public comment when it is time, thank you.

From Royalla’s iPhone to Everyone: 11:10 AM

I would like to make a public comment thank you

From Paris to Everyone: 11:14 AM

I would like to make a comment.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:15 AM

Thank you for joining us, Addy

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 11:18 AM

Thanks Addy for your service to our community.

From Addy (he/him/they/them) to Everyone: 11:18 AM

[sandovaladdison@yahoo.com](mailto:sandovaladdison@yahoo.com)

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy (he/him) to Everyone: 11:19 AM

Thank you Addy for joining us today and sharing out community concerns

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:19 AM

Thank you Addi, for using your voice and being brave in this space. We are here to support you.

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/hers to Everyone: 11:20 AM

<https://capaa.wa.gov/washington-state-language-access-plan/>

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 11:20 AM

Thank you Addy for advocating bus passes and other issues! want to know more about it, here is my email: ping9615@yahoo.com

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:22 AM

thank you for being here royalla!

From Paul Tabayoyon to Everyone: 11:23 AM

That is a great question

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy (he/him) to Everyone: 11:25 AM

Powerful, thank you Royalla for joining us today.

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 11:26 AM

You are an inspiration Royalla. Thank you.

From Paul Tabayoyon to Everyone: 11:26 AM

Workshops?

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 11:26 AM

APIC is hosting a legislative lobby training in case you're interested Royalla - I'm attending this virtual event as well

<https://fb.me/e/Mqdj1UuP>

From Royalla’s iPhone to Everyone: 11:27 AM

[Royallabernard@gmail.com](mailto:Royallabernard@gmail.com)

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:27 AM

Thank you, Royalla for being brave! We appreciate your input and thank you for standing up and sharing your story,

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 11:27 AM

Thank you Royalla, I fully support your initiatives. Asking police officer "why am I arrested?" is a life and death ask, this should not happen in this country. THANK YOU!!!

From Paul Tabayoyon to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thank you Paris

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thanks for sharing Paris.

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thank you Paris for pointing out even for English speaking people, it is not easy for Bill language to be perceived correctly

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thank you Paris for being brave and sharing your input. Would love to connect with all of our young people.

From Julio Dale Diaz to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thank you Paris for attending our mtg & sharing your thoughts

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy (he/him) to Everyone: 11:29 AM

Thank you Paris for joining us today.

From Royalla’s iPhone to Everyone: 11:30 AM

Thank you everyone for listening and your support

From Lin Crowley to Everyone: 11:37 AM

Thank you, Royalla. So glad to see you, Addy, & Paris for sharing. Yes, APIC-Washington will hold legislative training and policy briefing. In addition, we will hold Legislative Week activities between Feb. 1 - 5. Please feel free to use these links to register and join us. Thanks. Lobby Training #1 (you only need to join one): Monday, January 25th at 4:30 PM Join here: https://zoom.us/j/93108053984 FB event here: https://fb.me/e/3NmeK4GF5 Community Policy Briefing: Tuesday, January 26th at 5 PM Join here:  https://zoom.us/j/96512318001 FB event here: https://fb.me/e/8wGIohzei Lobby Training #2 (you only need to join one): Thursday, January 28th at 4:30 PM Join here:  https://zoom.us/j/95823725684 FB event here: <https://fb.me/e/Mqdj1UuP>

From Lori Wada to Everyone: 11:40 AM

Hi Paj and Mary, I am on Tier 1 and based on the provider schedule, vaccine is available in June. Is it normal to take this long to receive the vaccine?

From Paris to Everyone: 11:44 AM

Hello Paj and Mary, I was wondering if this vaccine will protect against the new variant of the virus in the United Kingdom? Thank You.

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:45 AM

Yes, Paj!

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 11:49 AM

Thanks Paj - can we make sure the state defines essential workers category because our restaurant workers, cab drivers, grocery workers in ethnic businesses will not understand this category unless specifically stated when that phase gets active

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:50 AM

Also inclusive of our LGTBQ (Two spirit/ Fafafine/QTPI) Communities. Sex workers etc.

From Helen Christensen to Everyone: 11:51 AM

Thank you Paj, very informative and helpful

From Lin Crowley to Everyone: 11:52 AM

Please share the effort is being made to reach those who do not have internet access, Paj and Mary? Thanks for the presentation.

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 11:53 AM

Thank you , Paj and Mary!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:53 AM

Thank you Paj and Mary for joining us today!

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 11:54 AM

Thank you for Tam's questions and reply of Paj and Mary!

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 11:55 AM

Thank you so much Paj and Mary for your commitment to equity in your work.

From Paj Nandi, He/Him/His to Everyone: 11:55 AM

Thank you Toshiko and CAPAA/community leaders for inviting us. We look forward to continued collaboration and communication.

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 12:00 PM

Hi Cheryl, you mentioned Asian Americans. Are you not including Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in on this test?

Also our COFA Communities

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:04 PM

Can you let us know: How is the sample or people that you aim to interview (survey) got to be decided in 15 selected counties?

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 12:10 PM

CBO = community based organization

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 12:14 PM

I will be in touch Cheryl and Dr. Jerome

Thank you

Thank you, Commissioner Dinh

Not to mention the 1918 Influenza and how this art work can be triggering

I suggest you ask input from Ethnic Commissions and BIPOC CBO's

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 12:18 PM

It was good to see you again Cheryl and Keith. Thank you for checking in.

From Cheryl Dietrich to Everyone: 12:18 PM

Thanks for having us!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 12:18 PM

i have to step out folks. Thank you so much!

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:19 PM

Happy One month of your baby and yourself! ED Toshiko!

From Julio Dale Diaz to Everyone: 12:27 PM

I hope it helps in your outreach plan development. The NW Justice Project provided my committee with a similar (need to reach out to API) request. Representative data collection is essential to truly 'helping the community', as you well know, so thank you for all you do....

From Sam Cho to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Great work Rosa. Thank you~

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:29 PM

Thank you for Julio to bring up NW justice Project, we really are glad they did the outreach to Civil rights committee......They want us to have their organization link added to CAPAA website as resource to API

From Lin Crowley to Everyone: 12:30 PM

Thank you so much for making the report, Rosa. Great work!

From Lafaitele Lydia M. Faitalia Ioane to Everyone: 12:32 PM

Thank you, Thyda

You are amazing

From Tam Dinh to Everyone: 12:33 PM

Thank you for joining us Thyda.

From Paul Tabayoyon to Everyone: 12:33 PM

Thank you everyone! Have a great day!

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:33 PM

Thank you for Trio /legislative creation Rosa! Thank you Brenda for your

From Addy (he/him/they/them) to Everyone: 12:34 PM

thank you all for listening

From Thyda Ros to Everyone: 12:35 PM

Thank you 🙏