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**Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting**

Deccio Higher Education Building | Yakima Valley College

W Nob Hill Blvd & S 16th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902

June 16, 2018 | 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Regular Business**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:36 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Dickinson, Dinh, Gaur, Gurung, Nguyen, Sam, Sinclair, Sisavatdy, Tufono-Chaussee, Wada

Commissioners Absent: Finau, Guerrero

Staff: Executive Director, Michael Itti, Project Coordinator, Sam Le

**COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner and staff introduced themselves. Chair Tufono-Chaussee acknowledged Commissioner Gaur and Commissioner Guerrero's contributions to the Commission and mentioned they are concluding their role as Commissioners. Newly appointed Commissioner Sina Sam was introduced.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made at 9:39 AM by Vice Chair Dickinson to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Gaur. The agenda was approved unanimously with no changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made at 9:40 AM by Vice Chair Dickinson to approve the March 17, 2018 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Wada. The minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Itti provided an overview of the Director's Report, which includes an update on the Commission's financial report, legislative session review, agency outreach, community events, and issue areas.

The Executive Director's Report is posted online on the CAPAA website: <https://capaa.wa.gov/executive-directors-report-for-june-16-2018/>



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#### General Update

- New Fiscal Year starts on July 1, 2018
  - o Commissioner Gaur asks if Commissioners could receive a breakdown of the budget.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dinh suggests a review of past ending balances to analyze the Commission's budget trends.
  - o Vice Chair Dickinson suggests monthly reports and quarterly Executive Committee meetings on the budget be scheduled in order to increase transparency.
- Next Board Meeting tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2018 in Spokane.
- New Ruth Woo Fellow, Olyvia Salter, will begin in the summer.
- New Commissioner, Sina Sam, appointed by Governor Inslee to serve on the Commission.
- New office located at 1110 Capitol Way South, Suite 220, Olympia, WA 98501.

#### Economic Development Update

- Liquor and Cannabis Board
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dinh acknowledges the change is a great improvement for the API community.
  - o Commissioner Sisavatdy inquires on clarification about the list of approved foods.
    - Executive Director Itti: The provided examples is to assist in defining the term "entrée" during the evaluation process.

#### Connections with Federal, State, and Local Governments Update

- Commissioner Gurung asks about additional languages for DOL driver's license tests.
  - o Executive Director Itti responds that staff will need to follow up with the Department of Licensing.

#### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: Filipino American Community of the Yakima Valley (FACYV)**

Rey Pascua, President of FACYV

#### Introduction

- Formerly served as a CAPAA Commissioner in 1974 under Gov. Evans and later appointed by Gov. Gregoire.
- Currently President of the FACYV

#### Filipino American Community of Yakima Valley Updates

- Filipino American History Month: Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year for both the Governor's Proclamation and the Legislature to proclaim October as Filipino American History Month.



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- Held workshops throughout the state about FAHM and to encourage other cities and jurisdictions to honor FAHM. Connected with communities in other states to have their state government pass FAHM proclamations.
- Public Law 114-265, Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015: Passed by Congress and signed by President Obama. Ceremonies held in Washington State in Olympia, Renton, and Wapato to celebrate and honor veterans and the passage of the law.
  - Public Law 114-265 is a milestone for Filipino Americans. The next effort will be moving to recognize Filipino American veterans who served during the Vietnam War era.
  - Next ceremony celebrating Public Law 114-265 will be in November in Bremerton. The Commission is invited to attend.

Rey Pascua presented the Commission with a book documenting the history of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Congress and a copy of Public Law 114-265.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATION: UW Regent Blaine Tamaki**

Blain Tamaki, UW Regent, Appointed in 2017

The presentation is posted on the CAPAA website: <https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/UW-Regent-Blaine-Tamaki-Presentation.pdf>

Introduction: Background, prior service on CAPAA, father was interned during WWII.

UW overview and role of regent:

- An overview of the University of Washington as a public research university.
- Information on the scale and impact of the University of Washington to the state and Pacific Northwest region.
- Current funding challenges facing the University of Washington.
- Data on the API student population at the University of Washington.

Commissioner Questions:

- Commissioner Wada asks what percentage of the faculty/staff are of Asian/Pacific Islander background.
  - Blaine Tamaki responds that he estimates less than 10% of total faculty and less than 5% for hired administration officials are of API background.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dinh suggested comparing national AAPI population data for additional context.
- Commissioner Sisavatdy inquires if UW Regent Tamaki has been briefed about the Southeast Asian recruiter position.



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- Blaine Tamaki responds that since the Board of Regents' role is to guide the direction and policy of the University, he does not have direct ties to the situation, but can ask for status updates.

**COMMUNITY FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Carrie Pascua, FACVY
  - Summarizing the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of Yakima Valley report
    - Working with League of Women Voters on Community Forums
    - Student Civic Engagement Conference in September
  - Chair Tufono-Chaussee: Please let the Commission know how we can assist.
  - Commissioner Guar: Engagement with the police department is key.
- Rick deVilla
  - Former City of Everett staff
  - Suggests that the Commission develop internships and programs to promote AAPI recruitment in government.

**2015-2018 & 2019-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Executive Director Itti presented on the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan and mediated a discussion on the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan.

- The Commission will have an opportunity to submit a budget request in September for the Governor's consideration. The request should align with its strategic plan. Although the Commission may not have a final 2019-2022 plan ready by September, a draft plan can help guide the budget request.
- Potential convening of a Special Meeting to further discuss the budget request and strategic plan.

**Discussion with Commissioners**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dinh expresses the difficulty to complete the Strategic Plan survey due to the lack of specific measurables tied to the goals and objectives.
  - As an example, the Commission attends many meetings, however, how should the Commission measure this impact?
- Chair Tufono-Chaussee said each objective should be measured by activities conducted by the Commission in order to determine progress.
- Commissioner Wada asked if goals have a time frame and which are on-going?
- Vice Chair Dickinson expresses that our current goals do not have an end date, however, we have established objectives where we can determine if progress has been made to work toward our goals.



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- Executive Director Itti mentions that the next Strategic Plan should have more specific measures for the next 4 years. The current plan includes some measures within our control, but many that are not within our control.
- Commissioner Guar suggests more effort to assist Commissioners in on-boarding and learning their role as new Commissioners.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Dinh suggests that there needs to be more time for Commissioners to discuss what are the strategies and the shared goals.
- Vice Chair Dickinson also reminds that the Commission/Commissioners need to make sure we are funneling the issues and concerns heard to state agencies to ensure they are addressed.
- Commissioner Sam asks if a shared calendar can be created to enable Commissioners to see what events and meetings are coming up.
- Commissioner Sinclair recommends creating actions, implementation, and benchmarks.
- Vice Chair Dickinson suggests that committees should create recommendations pertaining to their areas for the 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, which will inform the budget request to the Governor.
- Commissioner Gaur asks about funding for each committee to work with.
- Suggestion for a retreat to be held annually.
- Chair Tufono-Chaussee suggests to reschedule the Sept. Board Meeting due to scheduling conflicts and having it a two day meeting to provide time for budget, strategic plan, and other board business.
- Each committee should meet at least once in between board meetings. Committee chairs should be selected to assist with convening the meeting.

#### **RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY LEADERS AWARD DISCUSSION**

Proposal presented by Chair Tufono-Chaussee

Outcome: To recognize key AAPI leaders in Washington state who have improved the lives of AAPIs.

- Qualifications for the proposed Vanguard Award:
  - o Served in the API community for 10+ years
  - o Spearheaded and developed an API community event
  - o Strong advocate and achieved change through the legislative process
  - o Strong relationships with local representatives
  - o Nominated by a current CAPAA Commissioner
  - o Actively serving the community during time of nomination
- Qualifications for the proposed Lifetime Achievement Award:
  - o 20+ years in the API community
  - o Spearheaded a law that improves the lives of AAPIs
  - o Nominated by a current CAPAA Commissioner



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- Recognition through sash, lei, and/or plaque
- Goal to think about who we are working with in the community.
- Also asking for the Governor's Office to acknowledge the award recipients

Commissioner Wada asks when/what would the presentation of the awards be like.

- Chair Tufono-Chaussee suggested presenting the award at an established event.

Commissioners would like to further develop the criteria over the next several months and continue the discussion at the next board meeting. However, the Chair requested the board's consent to present a Vanguard Award in July.

Motion was made by Chair Tufono-Chaussee at 12:58 PM to present Lua Pritchard with the Vanguard Award at the Asia Pacific Cultural Center's Samoa Cultural Week and was seconded by Commissioner Wada. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS**

Vice Chair Dickinson presented the sponsorship proposals for ECOSS and UTOPIA. Commissioners discussed the merits of the requests.

Motion was made at 1:15 PM by Commissioner Nguyen to provide the remaining FY 2018 sponsorship balance to ECOSS for printing of materials and was seconded by Commissioner Wada. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion was made at 1:18 PM by Chair Tufono-Chaussee to provide \$200 to UTOPIA. The Commission is still awaiting a more detailed explanation for the use of funds at the event. The motion included a stipulation that UTOPIA provide a more detailed use of CAPAA's sponsorship funds for further review 30 days before the event takes place. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wada. Vice Chair Dickinson, Commissioner Nguyen, and Commissioner Gaur opposed the motion on the basis of procedure since UTOPIA did not provide the information required for board consideration. All other Commissioners voted in favor. With a majority, the motion was approved.

#### **COMMISSIONER/COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Commissioner Activity Report and Committee Minutes. Commissioner Activity Report is provided online on the CAPAA Website:  
<https://capaa.wa.gov/commissioner-report-for-june-16-2018/>

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chair Tufono-Chaussee and second by Vice Chair Dickinson at 1:32 PM.

Minutes prepared by Sam Le