



# Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

## Staff Report

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March Public Board Meeting: ZOOM Conference Call

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Staff report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from January 23, 2022 to March 18, 2022

### 1. STAFF AND COMMISSION ACTIVITY

#### Staff Update

K'gnausa Yodkerepauprai began as CAPAA's newly hired Project Manager on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### Commissioner Activity:

Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of January 23, 2022 to March 4, 2022. Total events reported = 83; Activity Report response rate = 92% (11/12 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: 1. (*Missing: Cmmr. Cho*). Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix I.

#### Appointments:

K'gnausa reaching out to all appointees to introduce himself, receive their operational status, and invite them to provide updates to their respective committees.

Four Commissioners are up for re-appointment in June, 2022: Chair Nam Nguyen (Thurston County), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Lydia Faitalia (King County), and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Carrie Huie-Pascua (Yakima County), and Civil Rights Committee Chair Kendall Kosai (Snohomish County), who is completing a term vacated by Helen Christensen (Clark County) and Yasmin Trudeau (Pierce County). Each Commissioner will formally apply for re-appointment, though will not be subjected to an interview.

**Sponsorships:** CAPAA received four requests for sponsorship. One, Kin-On, did not meet requirements necessary for sponsorship (they did not offer the opportunity for CAPAA staff or Commissioners to participate in any capacity. The other three need approval:

The second was for ANHPI Heritage Month taking place at the Seattle Center on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, seeking \$300 in exchange for logo display, acknowledgement, display a booth, and opportunity for CAPAA to make remarks and present the ANHPI Proclamation.

The third was from APIC-South Puget Sound, asking for \$500 for the "race dialogue", taking place Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, in exchange for advertisement, acknowledgement, opportunity to display a booth, and for one Speaker to share about their experience in Criminal Justice.

The fourth is for the Samoan Fashion Show in Pierce County taking place in June, seeking \$500 in exchange for advertisement acknowledgement, display of the logo, and opportunity for a Commissioner to make remarks.

### 2. FINANCE

The March 2022 Financial Status Reports show that CAPAA is in excellent financial condition. Currently, CAPAA is on track to break even in its budget. Currently, the balance of the donation account is \$34k.

Other significant policy-level changes provided for in the supplemental budget include:

- A 3.25% general wage increase was funded, effective July 1
- \$40k funding for FY22 and \$160k for FY23 to collaborate with the Office of Equity to conduct an analysis of the education opportunity gap for Asian American students, develop recommendations, and identify performance measures to monitor yearly progress. A report is due by June 30, 2023.
- \$40k funding this year and \$160k next year to collaborate with the Office of Equity to conduct an analysis of the education opportunity gap for Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students, develop recommendations, and identify performance measures to monitor yearly progress. A report is due by June 30, 2023.

### 3. LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Washington State Legislature adjourned the 2022 Legislative Session on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Despite a short session, plenty of important legislation and a historic budget were passed. All of CAPAA's Decision Package requests were fully funded. Additionally, the agency was additionally assigned a number of significant policy responsibilities, which can be found in Appendix II. A description of legislative highlights is as follows:

**Operating Budget:** CAPAA was designated funds for its general operations, assigned to equity reviews, and much more. The WA State Human Rights Commission also received 6 FTE's. CAPAA has received multiple inquiries from Asian and Pacific Islander community members who believe they have been discriminated against and are unsatisfied with how their cases are moving forward. The 6 new FTE's will help address the backlog of cases and keep step with the growing request for assistance.

**Transportation Budget:** This year's budget added up to \$64 billion. A few highlights include a \$17B transportation package for over the next 16 years that will be used for highways, bridges and transit projects. This includes free public transportation for those under 18 years old, building new hybrid electric ferries, and improving walking and biking corridors.

**Small business tax relief:** State business taxes for businesses grossing under \$125,000 a year are eliminated and provide additional small-business tax credits. Additionally, \$100 million for utility assistance for low-income customers and \$45 million was allocated for rental assistance.

**SB 5264** – Establishing January as Americans of Chinese Descent History Month – sponsored by Senator Keith Wagoner, never pulled to the House floor for a reading.

**HB 1881** - Establishing a voluntary birth doula certification program through the Department of Health. - sponsored by Representative Harris-Talley was passed by the legislature and on the Governor's desk to be signed.

**HB 1659** - Making higher education more accessible through expanding the Washington College Grant by modifying the income eligibility thresholds and award levels. This bill was sponsored by Representative Slatter, it was passed by the Senate but never got a committee hearing in the House.

**API Legislative Days** took place virtually February 2 – 3. More than 300 people from across the state participated in virtual performances, as well as dozens of meetings with state legislators and a live meeting with Governor Jay Inslee. Advocates spoke about the importance of unemployment for undocumented workers, health equity for immigrants, investments into affordable housing, police accountability, and many other issues.

**Day of Remembrance** took place in the legislature on Friday, February 18, 2022. An annual event commemorating the signing of Executive Order 9066 leading to the incarceration of 125,000 people of Japanese ancestry during WWII.

#### 4. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Commission will soon begin the process to update the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan. Developing the strategic plan is a year-long process that lays the vision, goals and objectives for the next three years, led by Committee Chairs and requiring input and participation from all 12 Commissioners.

- Civil Rights & Immigration
- Economic Development
- Education
- Health & Human Services

#### 5. COMMUNICATIONS

**Newsletter:** CAPAA's newsletter is sent to an e-mail listserv of 2,617 contacts (+5 from January Staff Report).

**Facebook:** 2,707 Follows

**Webpage:** Updates to Welcome Page, Board Meetings Tab, API Directory reinstated, newsletter blog updates

**Social Media:** Day of Remembrance Series  
Welcome K'gnausa!

#### 6. UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **ANHPI Heritage Month**

Sunday, May 1, 2022

12:00 – 5:00

Seattle Center Armory

##### **June Public Board Meeting – Whatcom County (HYBRID)**

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

##### **September Public Board Meeting – Yakima County (HYBRID)**

Saturday, September 17, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

##### **November Public Board Meeting – King County (HYBRID)**

Saturday, November 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

# APPENDIX I: Commissioner Activity Reports

Date of Activity	Commissioner Name	Name of Activity	Does this activity fulfill a strategic plan goal?
1/24/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAM WA Affiliate Support & Development Committee	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
1/27/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	APIC WA Meeting	Coordination with ANHPI Advocacy organization
1/27/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	CAPAA Listening Session hosting WA State Dept of Commerce	Supporting APA Business Owners
1/28/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	White House Updates on Tonga Relief Efforts	Support for Washington State Tongan community
1/31/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	ANHPI – APIC Leg. Day prep	Advocacy for ANHPI Community - legislative priorities
2/2/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	ANHPI Legislative Day	Advocacy for ANHPI communities
2/4/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Redistricting Coalition Meeting	Redistricting
2/4/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Meeting with Dept of Commerce staff	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/6/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Community Yakima Valley Bd of Dir meeting	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/7/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	ANHPI Legislative Day – Rep Chandler	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/8/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	APIC – Yakima	Supporting APIC-Yakima
2/10/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	FACYV Senior Meal Program	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/17/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Japanese National Day Celebration	Supporting celebration of Japanese National Day celebration
2/17/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA Legislative agenda - introduction	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/17/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	ESB 5264: Chinese Amer. History Month- Public Testimony	Supporting legislative bill in alignment with CAPAA
2/18/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Day of Remembrance – Resolution (Senate)	Supporting APA history
2/21/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Kip Tokuda Memorial fund - review panel	Recruitment of review panelists for Kip Tokuda Memorial fund
2/21/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI Yakima – Legislative Day -Leg. District 14 and 15	NAMI -Yakima legislative priorities
2/22/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI Yakima – Legislative Day -Senator Honeyford	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/25/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA – Lobby Day De-brief (Debbie Carlsen)	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/26/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Kip Tokuda Memorial fund - review panelist recruitment	Outreach to Japanese American community
2/28/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/28/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA – Affiliate Support and Dev.	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/28/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	CAPAA Exec. Committee meeting	CAPAA Exec. Committee
3/1/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services – DEI Training meeting	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
3/3/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Filipino Amer. Community of Yakima Valley – Senior Meal Program	Supporting APA Business Owners
3/7/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Fil Am Community of Yakima Valley - Community Newsletter	Supporting APA Business Owners
3/8/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	APIC – Yakima meeting	Supporting APA Business Owners
3/9/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	FACYV - Community Newsletter	Supporting APA Business Owners
3/11/2022	Carrie Huie-Pascua	Chew Lun By-laws review	Supporting APA Business Owners
1/27/2022	Chongsun Abbott	Executive brainstorming meeting of Korean community's needs	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
1/29/2022	Chongsun Abbott	(KAATW)	Supporting the KAATW
2/3/2022	Chongsun Abbott	KWA 50th anniversary planning meeting	Supporting and recognizing KWA's mission
2/11/2022	Chongsun Abbott	Capital funds	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/17/2022	Chongsun Abbott	LMCC zoom meeting	Support for the LMCC activities
2/22/2022	Chongsun Abbott	Capital funds	Supporting API nonprofit organization
2/23/2022	Chongsun Abbott	Participated in the BIPOC business accelerated graduation ceremony	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/26/2022	Chongsun Abbott	KWA strategic planning meeting	Participating the KWA strategic planning meeting
3/2/2022	Chongsun Abbott	Grants for the multi community park	Support to build a multicultural community park
2/4/2022	Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/18/2022	Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Education Committee Monthly Meeting	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/24/2022	Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Pandemic After Action Review Task Force	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
3/2/2022	Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Legislative Committee Meeting	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/23/2022	Julio Diaz	WSDOT Human Services Plan - OPEN HOUSE	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
3/7/2022	Julio Diaz	Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC)	Supporting APA Business Owners
2/12/2022	Kendall Kosai	Alternative Facts Event - OCA Greater Seattle	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/17/2022	Kendall Kosai	SB 5264 Testimony	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/22/2022	Kendall Kosai	Asian-Jewish Initiative Meeting	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
1/30/2022	Lalita Uppala	COvid vaccination event	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/16/2022	Lalita Uppala	Covid vaccination clinic	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/19/2022	Lalita Uppala	COvid vaccination	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
3/2/2022	Lalita Uppala	COvid vaccination clinic	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
1/24/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Youth Mentorship	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
1/26/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Translation Services	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
1/27/2022	Lydia Faitalia	WA CAPAA Listening Session	Supporting APA Business Owners
1/27/2022	Lydia Faitalia	AANHPI COVID-19 Home Test Kits	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
1/28/2022	Lydia Faitalia	EOGOAC Presentation to WA State Commission on African American Affairs	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
1/28/2022	Lydia Faitalia	White House updates on Tonga Relief Efforts	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/1/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Vaccination Event Cancellation and Pivot	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/2/2022	Lydia Faitalia	ANHPI Leg Day	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/5/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Letter of Recommendation for UC/UW/USC/SPU Students	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/7/2022	Lydia Faitalia	PI Community Health Resources	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/12/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Legislative Session/Civic Engagement and Responsibility	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
2/15/2022	Lydia Faitalia	EOGOAC Meeting	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/18/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Day of Remembrance	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/18/2022	Lydia Faitalia	WA CAPAA Education Committee Meeting	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/20/2022	Lydia Faitalia	PI Youth Mentorship	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/28/2022	Lydia Faitalia	WA CAPAA Exec Meeting	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
3/1/2022	Lydia Faitalia	WA CAPAA Meeting with PM	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
3/15/2022	Lydia Faitalia	Rainier Scholars	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/17/2022	Nam Nguyen	Legislative Poverty Taskforce	Overall poverty reduction
2/4/2022	Ping Ping	Set up for Lunar New Year celebration in Spokane	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/9/2022	Ping Ping	attended Spokane City's Equity subcommittee for City Council budget committee about forming EDI advisory committee	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/18/2022	Ping Ping	Remembrance of Japanese American Internment 80th Anniversary	Remember history of Japanese American
2/18/2022	Ping Ping	CAPAA Education committee meeting	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
3/2/2022	Ping Ping	98.Search history record for Chinese workers in Spokane in 1880s in MAC	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
2/17/2022	Satpal Sidhu	Meeting with sikh Community and Louis Harris from dept of Commerce	Helping equity for minority community to build a community cer
1/23/2022	Toka Valu	Tongan Community Town Hall - Tongan Relief	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/9/2022	Toka Valu	Seatac Arts Culture & Library Committee	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/11/2022	Toka Valu	Seattle Tongan Relief Committee Meeting	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
2/26/2022	Toka Valu	Seattle Tongan Relief Committee - Container Packing Event	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
3/3/2022	Toka Valu	Kelly ECC 50th Anniversary Commemoration	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
3/5/2022	Toka Valu	Our Future Matters - Organizational Update	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps

## APPENDIX II: 2022 Supplemental Budget Agency Summary



### 2022 Supplemental Budget Agency Summary

Source Document: <https://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Passed%20Legislature/5693-S.PL.pdf?q=20220311101341>

#### **CAPAA Funding p. 40**

FOR THE COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2022). . . . . \$554,000  
General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2023). . . . . \$857,000  
TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . . \$1,411,000

#### **OSPI Education Disparity Study - p. 29**

Funds are provided solely for the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs to collaborate with the Office of Equity to engage contractors to conduct an analysis of the education opportunity gap for Asian American students, develop recommendations, and identify performance measures to monitor yearly progress.

- \$40,000 for 2022
- \$160,000 for 2023

#### **Comprehensive equity review of state capital grant programs - p. 83**

The Department of Revenue must collaborate with the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs and give one representative for the equity review of state capital grant programs.

- \$225,000 for 2022
- \$175,000 for 2023

#### **Washington state creative economy work group - p. 93**

The Department of revenue is charged with improving Washington State’s creative economy. This includes but is not limited to film, television, theatre, visual arts, and video game development. The department will contract with a nonprofit organization with demonstrated expertise in the creative arts and strategic planning to establish a Washington state creative economy work group. There will be one representative selected by the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs to represent the entity on the work group.

- \$151,000 for 2022
- \$532,000 for 2023

#### **Equity impact statement for legislative proposals, and content and format requirements for the equity impact statement - p.154-155**

By July 1, 2022, the Office of Financial Management must submit a report to the Governor, appropriate committees of the legislature, and commissions (CAPAA, CHA, CAA) that details recommendations on: 1) the procedure for providing an equity impact statement for legislative proposals; 2) the format and content requirements for the equity impact statement; 3) a plan, including information technology additions or revisions, necessary to provide equity impact statements.

- \$150,000 for 2022

#### **For the Recreation and Conservation Office to conduct a comprehensive equity review of state grant programs - p. 530**

The Recreation and Conservation Office must collaborate with the Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American affairs to conduct a comprehensive equity review of state grant programs.

- \$375,000 for 2022

#### **Work group to examine how automated decision-making systems can best be reviewed before adoption - p. 208-209 (CAPAA implied but not explicitly mentioned)**

Chief information officer who must convene a work group to examine how automated decision-making systems can best be reviewed before adoption and while in operation and be periodically audited to ensure that such systems are fair, transparent, accountable and do not improperly advantage or disadvantage Washington residents.

- \$12,000 for 2022

“At least five representatives from advocacy organizations that represent communities that are disproportionately vulnerable to being harmed by algorithmic bias, including but not limited to, African American, Hispanic American, Native American, and Asian American communities, religious minorities, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable communities.”