



**Washington State Commission
on Asian Pacific American Affairs**

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 18, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Zoom Conference Call

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Quorum reached at 10:00 AM. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

Present: Chair Nam Nguyen, 1st Vice Chair Lydia Faitalia, 2nd Vice Chair Ekkarath Sisavatty, Commissioners Carrie Huie-Pascua, Lalita Uppala, Sam Cho, Toka Valu, Ping Ping, Julio Diaz, Yasmin Trudeau, Chongsun Abbott, and Kendall Kosai.

Absent: None

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

II. Welcome

Welcoming remarks are given by Rep. My-Linh Thai of the 41st Legislative District. She commends CAPAA for being instrumental in feedback provided on the Equity Impact Statement she drafted with Sen. Hasegawa. Though it did not pass in the 2021 legislative session, it was pushed through as a budget proviso, and it will come back for the 2023 session. HB 1202, the police officer accountability bill is another important bill she hopes we will continue supporting.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made at 10:18 AM by Cmmr. Cho. Seconded by 1st Vice Chair Faitalia. *Motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to correct the June minutes to reflect her attendance at the meeting, made by Cmmr. Huie-Pascua. Motion to approve the minutes with the amendment made by Cmmr. Diaz at 10:19 AM. Seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Sisavatty. *Motion passed unanimously.*

V. 2021 Needs Assessment Final Report: ANHPI Community Demography

Cherry Cayabyab from Kaya Strategik presents the final report from the 2021 ANHPI Data Project. Full report can be accessed below.



2021 API Data.pdf



VI. Elections

Chair- Cmmr. Sisavatdy nominates Chair Nguyen for another term. No other nominations are given. Motion is passed unanimously.

1st Vice Chair- Cmmr. Valu nominates 1st Vice Chair Faitalia for another term. No other nominations given. Motion is passed unanimously.

2nd Vice Chair- 2nd Vice Chair Sisavatdy nominates Cmmr. Huie-Pascua. No other nominations given. Motion is passed unanimously.

Civil Rights & Immigration- Cmmrs. Diaz, Faitalia, Uppala, and Kosai joins the committee for a new term. Cmmr. Faitalia nominates Cmmr. Ping as Chair. Cmmr. Ping declines nomination. Cmmr. Faitalia nominates Cmmr. Kosai as chair. Nomination is accepted.

Economic Development- Cmmrs. Cho, Diaz, Uppala, and Abbott joins the committee for a new term. Cmmr. Diaz volunteers as Chair for another term. No other nominations given.

Education- Cmmrs. Sisavatdy, Faitalia, Ping, and Valu joins the committee for the new term. Cmmr. Sisavatdy nominates Cmmr. Ping as Chair. Cmmr. Ping accepts. Due to health reasons, ED Hasegawa recommends also appointing a Vice Chair. Cmmr. Sisavatdy volunteers to be Vice Chair.

Health & Human Services- Cmmrs. Huie-Pascua, Faitalia, Valu, Sisavatdy, and Abbott joins the committee for a new term. Cmmr. Faitalia nominates Cmmr. Valu as Chair for another term. Cmmr. Valu accepts the nomination.

Legislative Ad Hoc- Cmmrs. Cho, Trudeau, Kosai, and Sisavatdy joins the committee for a new term. Cmmr. Faitalia nominates Cmmr. Trudeau as Chair. Cmmr. Trudeau accepts. ED Hasegawa offers a point of information. As Legislative Director for a separate entity in government, her leadership role here may preclude her from certain votes if a conflict of interest is present.

Environment Justice- Cmmrs. Faitalia and Trudeau joins this new committee for its first term. Cmmr. Faitalia nominates Cmmr. Trudeau as Chair. Cmmr. Trudeau accepts.

Census 2020 Ad Hoc- Cmmrs. Huie-Pascua and Sisavatdy joins the committee for a new term. Cmmr. Huie-Pascua volunteers as Chair for another term.

VII. Committee Break Outs

Committee break outs are canceled due to logistics.

VIII. Break

Break is given at 11:30 AM until 11:45 AM.



IX. Commissioner Updates

Chair Nguyen has, along with many amongst the Vietnamese community, signed up to house refugees from Afghanistan, due to US forces pulling out and the Taliban taking over. If anyone has the ability and resources to help these refugees, he encourages everyone to do so.

Cmmr. Abbott announces an upcoming Taste of Korea event taking place October 1st at the Steilacoom Old Town Hall. There will be dignitaries in attendance, along with guests from Korea, who will teach a cooking class. Due to COVID restrictions, attendees will be limited to 50, but there may be space for someone from CAPAA to attend.

2nd Vice Chair Huie-Pascua continues to play a supporting role for the Filipino community in the Yakima Valley.

Cmmr. Trudeau reports that her aunt has created the ASHHO Community Cultural Center in Tumwater. It is a welcoming space and available for cultural events in Thurston County.

1st Vice Chair Faitalia alerts the Commission on an important event concerning community land trust taking place on September 28th. It is hosted by APCC who has been leading on this work, and everyone is invited. The event will center conversation around generational wealth and financial literacy around home ownership. She has also been involved with communities on COVID response, children's wellness, and mental health.

Cmmr. Kosai does not have anything to report at this time.

Cmmr. Ping shares that a 1/3 of all COVID cases are now children. Many parents in Spokane's Chinese community are concerned about this, especially with kids now having returned to school. On August 17, Spokane held an event called the Unemployment Law Project, which sought to uplift the BIPOC community. It was an opportunity for many law firms to share unemployment and civil rights resources available to the community. Cmmr. Ping was invited to share resources available from CAPAA.

Cmmr. Uppala reports that the Asian Indian community is working on focus groups, trying to create awareness around redistricting. There is also work being done with financial lending institutions, trying to create immigrant/refugee welcome centers. Lastly, it has been identified that the 30% of the Asian Indian community are not vaccinated due to concerns around being pregnant. Related to the vaccination issue, Cmmr. Uppala hopes that the Port of Seattle will continue to have conversations around the urgent need for a vaccination kiosk at SeaTac Airport.

Cmmr. Sisavatdy organized a Meet & Greet listening session with the United Communities of Laos, intended to connect the communities with 4Culture and acquaint them with resources available to them. He is also helping the SE Asian Pacific Islander Health Education Summit with their next



summit. A survey was given pertaining to issues such as Anti-Asian hate, depression, and health services needed. The deadline for this survey has been extended until the end of November.

Cmmr. Valu reports that in South King County, rental assistance continues to be a top priority. PICA is trying to help, but funding is tight, so they can't help everyone needing assistance. Any leads on rental assistance that CAPAA can provide would be greatly appreciated. Also, Cmmr. Valu is advocating for the removal of the John R. Monaghan statue in downtown Spokane. Monaghan had a very violent history against Samoa and its civilians, and the monument serves as a reminder to the pain and destruction suffered by those acts. Lastly, on the vaccine front, while continued efforts to promote vaccination has helped with high rates of Pacific Islanders being immunized, the last percentage of those still unvaccinated have proven to be the hardest to convince.

Cmmr. Diaz met with the president of Multi-Ethnic Business Association in Spokane to learn about the struggles in their region, and to see if there is anything CAPAA can do to help. They also discussed how to make API small business aware of state contracting opportunities. This will help inform the content of the strategic plan the Economic Development Committee will develop over the quarter. He has also met with the US Dept. of Labor to learn more about job protection and equal opportunity employment, and with the Washington State Board of Education to learn about mastery-based learning.

Cmmr. Cho reminds Cmmr. Uppala that she can use him as a resource with the Port of Seattle, if she needs assistance with continuing conversations about the vaccination kiosks. He also relays that the Korean American Coalition and Korean Community Center in Shoreline hosted a 2nd after-hours vaccination clinic, as many Korean business owners have later hours. The Korean American Chamber of Commerce also hosted the WaBaBa Korean Festival at Pier 62, which promoted the culture and small businesses. They expect to hold this festival annually. Lastly, a town hall was hosted last month, where Sophia Danenberg came and presented on redistricting in King County.

X. Public Comment

Megan Duffy and Wendy Brown, from the Washington State Recreation Office (RCO), report that the RCO is conducting an equitable review of its grant programs, as a result of a recent budget proviso. They are reviewing to see what may be preventing underserved communities access to the grants, culminating in a report that will be presented to the Legislature June 30, 2022. They will be consulting with the Commissions as they work on this project, and will be coming back in a couple of months to report what they are learning from these communities. If there are any specific communities CAPAA knows that should be reached out to, they are interested in that information as well.

Michael Bailey, from the Department of Revenue, announces its newest division, the Working Families Tax Credit Division, which he has been tapped to lead. This tax credit is intended to provide eligible low-to-moderate-income workers and families a tax remittance. Starting in 2023 the program will provide applicants with a one-time payment for the year they are applying for. In addition to providing support



to the families mentioned, the Legislature has also asked that the program stimulate local economic activity, advance racial equity, and promote economic stability and well-being. Because of this, the Dept. of Revenue is seeing if there may be opportunities to collaborate with CAPAA in implementing the program, and help ensure equitable access to apply. If there is interest, they can come back at a future meeting to provide a more detailed presentation and get our feedback. They are also hoping to host a series of listening sessions for the public to learn more about the credit.

Dori Baker and Paul Tabayoyon, from APIC-Yakima, presents their summary of community outreach which they had hoped to present for the in-person meeting that was canceled due to COVID restrictions. The presentation can be accessed below.

 [APIC-Yakima Activities 2021.pdf](#)

XI. E.D. Report

E.D. Hasegawa provides verbal overview of her written report at 12:32 PM. Project Manager Mai presents the communications portion of the report at 12:48 PM. Full report can be accessed below.



September Exec Dir
Report.pdf

XII. Good of the Order

Chair Nguyen would like to thank everyone for coming, participating, and for the work they are doing.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at 12:02 PM by Commr. Valu. Seconded by Cmmr. Diaz.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Chat Box Transcript

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 09:56 AM

<https://capaa.wa.gov/about/>

From Me to Everyone: 10:13 AM

Good Morning Everyone! If you are a guest today, please let us know you are here, by signing in with your name, organization, and email. Thank you!



From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 10:14 AM
You are doing amazing Rep. Thai! Thank you

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:14 AM
Thank you Rep. Thai!

From Fred Thomas to Me: (Direct Message) 10:15 AM
Fred Thomas, Nextstepswa. ratcityfred@gmail.com

From Sam Cho to Everyone: 10:16 AM
thank you so much Rep. Thai!!!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:17 AM
Thank you Rep. Thai!

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:17 AM
Thank You Rep. Thai!

From Rep. Thai 41 to Everyone: 10:17 AM
Please reach out My-Linh.thai@leg.wa.gov

From Sam Cho to Everyone: 10:18 AM
sorry. there is a lag for me. bad connection

From Cherry Cayabyab (she/hers) KAYA strategik to Everyone: 10:20 AM
https://www.canva.com/design/DAEiRFC2_18/AP6dsPANOUPTsmiuSlvzA/view?utm_content=DAEiRFC2_18&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton#1

From Cherry Cayabyab (she/hers) KAYA strategik to Everyone: 10:27 AM
<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/seattle-grew-by-more-than-100000-people-in-past-10-years-kent-among-fastest-growing-cities-new-census-data-shows/>

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:39 AM
I'd love to see disaggregated data for our SEA populations and other underrepresented communities. Where can I gather this data? Census?

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 10:40 AM
@Cmmr Sisavatdy - for which area of focus?

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 10:41 AM
Education obtainment, income



From Yasmin Trudeau, (she/her) to Everyone: 10:44 AM

Where does the Middle East fall into all of these data groups? Or does CAPAA consider them distinct from the rest of ANHPI populations?

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 10:47 AM

Does the gender data include "gender neutral" or "undecided" category? Thank you

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 10:50 AM

Additionally, did we look at numbers from South Asian Pakistani and Bangladeshi communities which will be separate from Middle Eastern communities

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 10:52 AM

are there previous reports commissioned by CAPAA similar to this? I seem to remember one from 2010?

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 10:53 AM

<https://capaa.wa.gov/resources/apa-facts-wa-state/>

From Kendall Kosai to Everyone: 10:53 AM

AAPI Data does some good work as well in breaking down national numbers as well around a variety of specific topics: <https://aapidata.org/>

From julio diaz to Everyone: 10:55 AM

How do we plan to incorporate the latest Census 2020 data, or is the data similarly close...?

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 10:57 AM

Teranishi?

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:00 AM

Yes Robert Teranishi

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:00 AM

Ugh my connection! Sorry folks

From Sam Cho to Everyone: 11:01 AM

thank you cherry!!!

From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 11:01 AM

Thank you for such a comprehensive presentation.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:04 AM

my lag is bad. so sorry



From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:10 AM
Environmental Justice Ad Hoc Committee?

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 11:11 AM
Yes, we've just covered the Environmental Justice Committee

From Yasmin Trudeau, (she/her) to Everyone: 11:13 AM
If this committee is one that I am on, I am happy to step off of it. But I am not sure if this is one that I am on.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 11:13 AM
Thank you Rosa.

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 11:14 AM
Happy to help!

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 11:17 AM
We got you Comm. Kosai!
Thank you Comm. Ping Ping, I wasn't aware and hope you are well.

From Kendall Kosai to Everyone: 11:17 AM
Thank you Comm. Faitalia for your confidence! :)

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:18 AM
<https://capaa.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/iCount-WA-Report.pdf>

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:22 AM
excellent. Thank you both. A wonderfully supportive dynamic!
Thank you Cmr Diaz & Valu for your continued leadership!
Thank you Cmmr Huie Pascua for your continued leadership upon the Census 2020 Adhoc Cmmtee!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:29 AM
Yes. This would optimize capaa's operations
We all work for the people!

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:30 AM
Liked "We all work for the people!"

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:31 AM
HAHA
Wonderful! TYSM Cmmr Trudeau for your leadership!



Returning: 11:45 AM

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 11:31 AM
Congratulations to our new Leadership teams!

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:43 AM
Thank you all for stepping up for your new committee assignments! It's a wonderful process of assessing where and how we can maximize our individual and collective impact. This is a wonderful team, comprised of many separate, yet collaborative works. We as staff look forward to supporting you in your many endeavors in the year to come.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 11:52 AM
What time is taste of Korea?
Yes! Khurshida catered our Nov 2018 Public Board Meeting in Thurston Co

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 12:01 PM
What came of the effort to assist families impacted by the giant apartment fire that took place last year?

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 12:02 PM
<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/eviction-rent-assistance-program/>

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 12:03 PM
I seem to remember PI Health Board had lead efforts to support those families - I'll find out more
Thanks Rosa!

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 12:04 PM
No problem! It'll likely not be enough to meet the need of the moment, but there is assistance available through different counties from CARES funding. I hope it helps!

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 12:04 PM
Sure thank you Comm. Cho

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 12:06 PM
Cmmr. Do you mean how they will draw the lines, or how the redistricting process will move forward?

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 12:14 PM
Could we get a contact email to reach out and get further educated on the outreach by the dept?



From Wendy Brown, Recreation and Conservation Office to Everyone: 12:15 PM
Feel free to contact me, Wendy Brown, wendy.brown@rco.wa.gov, and Megan Duffy, megan.duffy@rco.wa.gov

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 12:15 PM
Thank You ED Hasegawa - I would like to hear more on this effort.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 12:15 PM
I would like to have a follow-up conversation with Wendy and Megan.

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 12:15 PM
I would like to know more details of the grant(s) available for our underserved communities.

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:16 PM
yes, follow up would be great for this conversation

From Toka Valu to Everyone: 12:16 PM
Also supportive of the points mentioned above

From megan.duffy to Everyone: 12:16 PM
Thank you all for your time. We very much appreciate it.

From Toshiko Hasegawa to Everyone: 12:16 PM
Thank you Megan and Wendy! We will connect you with the commissioners via email
Welcome, Michael! Thank you for joining us today!

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 12:23 PM
Thank you Michael.

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 12:23 PM
Thank you Michael, Wendy and Megan for your time.

From Michael Bailey - Washington State Department of Revenue to Everyone: 12:23 PM
For more information on the Working Families Tax Credit Program, visit us online at www.dor.wa.gov/WFTC
Email: Michaelba@dor.wa.gov

From Ekkarath Sisavatdy to Everyone: 12:32 PM
Thank you Paul

From Rosa Mai, CAPAA, she/her to Everyone: 12:32 PM
Thank you, Paul & Dori!



From Paul Tabayoyon APIC Yakima to Everyone: 12:33 PM
Thank you for having us here today

From Ping Ping to Everyone: 12:33 PM
Thank you Paul, Dori and Carrie

From Carrie Huie-Pascua to Everyone: 12:34 PM
Thank you APIC Yakima for being great community partners!

From Me to Everyone: 12:40 PM
Thank you to Cmmr. Huie-Pascua to participating in the review as well!

From Dori Baker - APIC Yakima to Everyone: 12:43 PM
WVRA – Washington Voters Rights Act - is working in Congressional District 4. A recent court ruling determined that election of the county commissioners was declared not in alignment with WVRA. All county commissioner positions and candidates will be placed on the ballot in 2022 for reelection including commissioners presently serving.

From Lalita Uppala to Everyone: 12:47 PM
Thank You - COMMERCE has been fantastic with collaboration

From Lydia M.Faitalia to Everyone: 12:55 PM
Thank you Rosa, Brenda and ED Hasegawa for all the work you do. Welcome new commissioners Abbot, Trudeau and Kosai! I look forward to serving our communities alongside you all.

From Lalita Uppala to Me: (Direct Message) 12:55 PM
Brenda, I hope my proof of vaccination was received. I never remember if it did go through.

From Yasmin Trudeau, (she/her) to Everyone: 12:56 PM
so lovely to spend this Saturday with all of you beautiful h