



Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 23, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Zoom Conference Call

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Chair Lydia Faitalia, 1st Vice Chair Lalita Uppala, 2nd Vice Chair Kendall Kosai, Cmmr. Chongsun Abbott, Cmmr. Nam Nguyen, Cmmr. Carrie Huie, Cmmr. Ping Ping, Cmmr. Ekkarath Sisavatdy, Cmmr. Kiana McKenna, Cmmr. David Phongsa, Cmmr. Scott Lehrman, and Cmmr. Sam Cho

Staff: Executive Director Toshiko Grace Hasegawa, Project Manager K'gnausa Yodkerepauprai, and Project Coordinator Brenda O'Brien

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Cmmr. Cho

Seconded by: Cmmr. Huie

No abstentions or objections. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

Cmmr. Ping noted that PICA should be corrected to APIC during her roundtable update.

Motion to approve minutes with correction: Cmmr. Sisavatdy

Seconded by: Cmmr. Abbott

No abstentions or objections. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments given this meeting.

V. Workgroup Report Backs

Sameth Mell, who has been representing CAPAA along with alternate Velma Veloria, gave an update on the [Digital Equity Forum](#). There has been some change in leadership this last year, but the focus has primarily been on supporting the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) as they manage the 1.2 billion in funds that have been granted to them. The other main focus has been on finalizing



the charter agreement for the 28 members of the forum and voting on the chair and co-chair at the next meeting.

Harold Taniguchi, the CAPAA representative for the [Active Traffic Safety Council](#), presented an update on what the council has been working on. The Council focuses on the data and recommends ways to minimize and eliminate injuries, accidents, and deaths from active transportation for pedestrians, cyclists, and anyone outside the car/transportation.

Back in December, ED Hasegawa asked me to participate in on the listening session hosted by the US Dept. of Transportation taking place in Seattle. This was partly as a result of their strategy to advance the justice, equity, and opportunity of our A&NHPI communities. It has been a broad-based effort to get feedback about all things related to the world of transportation.

The sessions have been taking place in all major cities and provided a chance to hear from heads of agencies and other transportation leaders. It also offered community members a chance to provide concerns ranging from general issues such as expanding their hours of operation to be more accessible to those working outside the 9-5 time frame, to more personal concerns affecting our communities such as the Sound Transit situation in the International District. The final report has not been sent out yet.

VI. Budget Overview/Staff Report

ED Hasegawa provided an overview of the current budget and Staff Report. Full report can be accessed below.



2024 March Staff
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VII. Legislative Session Recap

PM Yodkerepauprai highlighted the last legislative session. Full report can be accessed below.

[2024 Legislative Session](#)

VIII. Civic Engagement Contract w/ Kaya Strategik

ED Hasegawa shared the details of the contract CAPAA will be engaging in with Kaya Strategik. Currently, our budget is underspent by about \$35,000, so this affords an opportunity to work with Kaya on another report around voter registration. Since these funds need to be used for this fiscal year, the report would need to conclude by June 30th.

The Demography Report helped us to identify three groups of voters. The first group are those who are registered to vote but have not updated their registration to Washington State. The second group are US



citizens who are not registered to vote, and the last group are citizens who are not naturalized but are 18 or older.

This information is valuable in helping (c) (3)'s who are doing the work strategize how they should target these groups at the county level. This will be a nonpartisan effort targeting our communities. Confidentiality will be ensured so that no information is traced back to any individuals or households to be weaponized against them.

Cmmr. McKenna expressed the importance of making sure that NHPI are centered as well, as they have historically had very low numbers in voter turnout, and is interested in helping provide guidance around that piece so that they are not left out.

Action Item: A meeting will be arranged with Kaya for Cmmrs. Faitalia and McKenna to discuss these concerns sometime next week.

IX. Golden Celebration Overview



Golden Celebration
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VII. Good of the Order

Per Sili Savusa, there will be an opportunity to help with disaster relief efforts. Details to follow at the Golden Celebration this evening.

Cmmr. McKenna: A staff member at PICA is from the island where the flooding took place. It really hasn't been very visible, and people have been largely unaware about this taking place. It is another example of how unseen our community often is. I'm glad that this will be made more public tonight.

Cmmr. Sisavatdy: It would be wonderful if CAPAA could take a group photo tonight. The Commission decided to meet at the stage at 4:55 to do so.

Sen. Hasegawa: Two years ago the Legislature created something called the Community Reinvestment Fund and \$200 million was designated for it. The Office of Equity was charged with creating the definition of the organizations that they would be distributing the money to. In doing so, the language ended up including only Black, Indigenous, Native American, and Hispanic communities, excluding the Asian demographic and organizations.

This of course resulted in a big debate during Legislation to make sure that ANHPI organizations are also eligible in accessing these grant funds. We were denied. I had a budget proviso that allowed ANHPI



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organizations to have access to these funds and after conversations with the House and Commerce, was told they'd be working on it. While they're working on it, I hope you all will track this to make sure that our communities are not excluded from accessing these funds.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.



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Meeting Attendees:



Brenda O'Brien (Me)



K'gnausa Yodkerepa... (Host)



Toshiko Hasegawa (she/hers)



Chongsun Abbott



Bob Hasegawa, WA Sen.-LD11,



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