



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

Staff Report

Saturday, September 21, 2024

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September Public Board Meeting: **Bremerton, WA**
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Improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by examining issues, advancing advocacy,
and ensuring access to government.

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Staff report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from June 8, 2024,
to September 20, 2024.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY

Commissioner Activity: Commissioners submitted activity reports for the period of May 31,
2024, to September 13, 2024, for the September 21 board meeting. Activity Report response
rate = 92% (11/12 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: *One*. Details of
Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix II.

Total events reported = 96

1. STAFF CHANGES

The Governor's Office appointed Nam Nguyen to serve as interim executive director, replacing
Toshiko Hasegawa who resigned in June.

The Commission hired Negheen Kamkar to serve as project manager, replacing K'gnausa
Yodkerepauprai who resigned in August.

2. APPOINTMENTS

The Governor's office reappointed Commissioners Cho and Uppala to serve their third and
final terms, through June 2027. Commissioner Chongsun Abbott did not seek a second term.

The Governor appointed Anna Lising to Commissioner Abbott.

The Executive Committee convened to review applications for Commissioner Nguyen's
position. Recommendations were sent to the Governor's office on September 18th.

3. FINANCE

The new fiscal year began on July 1st. CAPAA underspent the previous fiscal year budget by approximately \$75,000, most of which were due to lower than expected costs for information technology and website projects.

Sponsorships: Note: Because of the limit on sponsorship-related spend, *CAPAA will only grant applications to first-time applicants who meet all criteria.*

Four requests for sponsorship were received in this period. Details for all requests can be found in Appendix I.

Of the requests, two were approved by the Executive Committee:

- Asia Service Center’s Dragon Boat Festival
- APIC’s 2024 Democracy Summit

The other two were denied due to CAPAA having sponsored them previously, or because the sponsorship requested exceeded the maximum amount allowed.

- UTOPIA Washington’s 2024 MANAFest
- Youth and Family Link’s Connecting Across Culture

4. REQUIRED EQUITY TRAININGS

The Department of Enterprise Services has developed the training, *A Path Toward Equity: Disrupting Structural Racism through Awareness and Belonging*, to provide a foundational training for all executive branch state employees ***and appointed Commissioners***. The course aims to develop shared understanding and language around diversity, equity, and inclusion and help employees gain skills necessary for a respectful and inclusive workplace. Brenda has provided the information necessary to login and take the training. Contact her directly if you need additional support. The training includes a prerequisite viewing of the documentary, “*Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America*”, which must be completed prior to registering for the DEI foundational training modules.

Commissioners are also part of CAPAA’s agency Pro-Equity, Anti-Racism (PEAR) team – and are required to watch the orientation video. The video can be accessed here: [2022 PEAR Team Orientation Recorded Session - YouTube](#)

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 21

10:00 – 2:00

Kitsap County - Filipino American Association of Kitsap County
1240 Sheridan Road, Bremerton, WA, United States, Washington

Friday, September 27

APIC Democracy Summit

11:00 – 2:00

Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall

Saturday, November 16

10:00 – 2:00

Snohomish County - Everett Community College

2000 Tower St, Everett, WA 98201

Appendix I: Sponsorship Requests



FY 25 Sponsorship -
Dragon Boat Festival.c



FY 25 Sponsorship -
APIC Democracy Sum



FY 24 Sponsorship -
2024 MANAfest.docx



FY 25 Sponsorship -
Connecting Across Cu

Appendix II: Commissioner Activity Rep

Cmmr. Name	Name of Activity	Date of Activity	Issue Area	Type of Activity
Scott Lehrman	CAPAA Health and Human Services Committee Meeting	9/6/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Scott Lehrman	Social Emotional Learning Advisory Committee	8/27/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Scott Lehrman	Education Committee	7/19/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Scott Lehrman	4th Annual Celebration of Community, Diversity, and Culture	9/7/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	Samoa Community Dinner	7/26/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	Samoa Cultural Week: Prayer Service	7/21/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	Samoa Elders Group	9/6/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	HB 2346 Review	9/11/2024	Health and Human Services	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	HDC Planning session	9/4/2024	Health and Human Services	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	PRWG Meeting/Retreat	8/15/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Lydia Faitalia	Huddle HDC Request Bill	8/6/2024	Health and Human Services	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Lydia Faitalia	Project Manager Interview	6/6/2024	Economic Development	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Celebrating 50 Years of Lao Heritage and Resilience Coalition	9/3/2024	General Community Engagement	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	SEAPI Health Education Summit	8/17/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	SEAPI Health Education Summit Meeting	8/9/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Lao Senior Outreach - Seattle Foundation	8/7/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	SEAPI Health Education Summit Meeting	8/2/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Celebrating 50 Years of Lao Heritage and Resilience Coalition	8/6/2024	General Community Engagement	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	United Communities of Laos - Summer Festival	7/27/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	SEAPI Health Education Summit Meeting	7/26/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	SEAPI Health Education Summit Meeting	7/12/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Make Us Visible Washington and PICA-WA Meeting	7/10/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Education Committee Monthly Meeting	7/19/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Citizens Advisory Council (Monaghan Statue Removal)	9/16/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Office of Equity Presentation by Kiana on NH/PI in Washington	9/11/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Providence Inland WA Community Mission Board Retreat	9/6/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	NAOPO Policy Council Meeting	9/3/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Providence Inland WA Community Mission Board Meeting	8/22/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	West Papua Campaign and PICA-WA Meeting	8/22/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	RANGE Community Advisory Board Meeting	8/21/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	WashPop & NH/PI and Transgender Data Project Community	8/20/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	WA State NH/PI Community Data Report 2024 Mini-Launch a	8/13/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	CAPAA Education Disparities Report Meeting	7/15/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Better Health Together Public Policy Meeting	7/11/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Make Us Visible/PICA-WA Meeting	7/10/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	CAPAA Community Advisory Board for Disparities Study	7/9/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Kiana McKenna	Providence Inland WA Community Mission Board Meeting	6/27/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Meeting with UTOPIA WA Policy Team	6/26/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	PICA-WA Strategic Planning Retreat	6/25/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Better Health Together Board of Directors Meeting	6/21/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Pacific Arts Festival in Hawai'i	6/6/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Meeting with the Office of Education Ombudsman for the NH	6/21/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	State Agency hosted meeting/event

Ping Ping	Communicate with CAPAA's ED for vision of education comm	7/6/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	Help lifting voice of Spokane's Asian community leader for ex	6/18/2024	Health and Human Services	Help to lift up voices of Asian Community leader in
Ping Ping	Trent Alley Marker Ceremony for Japanese Americans in Spo	7/7/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	Take off Historical Chinatown Photo Exhibition in Downtown	6/19/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	Set up Historical Chinatown exhibition in Downtown Spokane	5/29/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	CAPAA HHS Committee meeting	9/6/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Debrief of Labor Day weekend hosting of FYA Drill Team to W	9/3/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Welcome BBQ for FYA visit to Wapato	8/31/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Equitable Granting meeting - Yonsei Consulting	8/29/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	NAMI WA Affiliate and Dev. Committee meeting	8/26/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	100th Anniversary of Makah Days - Neah Bay, WA	8/23/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Health Disparities new staff - introductions	8/19/2024	Health and Human Services	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Carrie-Huie	Gov. Interagency Council on Health Disparities	8/6/2024	Health and Human Services	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	FYA Activity planning, leadership - Seattle	8/4/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	JACL Seattle - Sadako Statue community support	8/2/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	NAMI WA DEI Committee	7/31/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Chinese Radio Seattle - Interview	7/31/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Summer Reception - Consulate General of Japan	7/18/2024	General Community Engagement	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	China/US Friendship 45th Anniversary	7/17/2024	Economic Development	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	CAPAA outreach to Central WA community	7/11/2024	General Community Engagement	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Mabuhay Foundation Board Meeting	7/8/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Trent Alley Dedication of Japanese Amer. in Spokane - Saran	7/7/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	CAPAA HHS Committee	7/5/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	FACYV/Mabuhay Foundation Joint Scholarship Awards Rece	6/30/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Japan Fair VIP Reception - Meydenbauer	6/28/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	WASCLA Language Access Update	6/26/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Seattle Chew Lun Board Meeting	6/18/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	LELO 50th Anniversary fundraiser	6/15/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Asian Amer. Book reading--Mam Bookstore, Seattle CID	6/8/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie-Huie	Filipino Amer. Community Yakima - Board Meeting	6/2/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Primary Door Knocking	8/2/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Community Town Hall	7/19/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Safety & Risk Forum	7/31/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Nightmarket	6/23/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Youth Summer Leadership Summit	8/7/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Community Health Fair	8/24/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Lalita Uppala	Small Business Policy Session	8/8/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Meeting with Rep. Thai	7/18/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Asian Jewish Initiative Meeting	7/8/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Meeting with Michael Byun, ACRS	6/26/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Meeting with Minidoka Lava Ridge Project Leads	6/21/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	AAPI LEAD Summit	6/20/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Minidoka Lava Ridge Meeting	6/18/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Tacoma Buddhist Temple Bon Odori	8/3/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Seattle Betsuin Bon Odori	7/21/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	White River Bon Odori	7/27/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
David Phongsa	Planning meeting with Commissioner Ekk for 50th Anniversa	9/3/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
David Phongsa	Agriculture Zoom Meeting with Toshiko	8/28/2024	Economic Development	State Agency hosted meeting/event
David Phongsa	Visited New Small AAPI Owned Business in Pasco	8/9/2024	Economic Development	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
David Phongsa	CAPAA Economic Development Committee Meeting	8/8/2024	Economic Development	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
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