



Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Staff Report

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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 September 21, 2024 to November 15, 2024.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY

Commissioner Activity: Commissioners submitted activity reports for the period of September 14, 2024, to November 11, 2024, for the November 16 board meeting. Activity Report response rate = 91% (10/11 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: *One*. Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix II.

Total events reported = 92

1. APPOINTMENTS

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

2. FINANCE

CAPAA is currently in good financial condition, spending slightly below the budget for fiscal year 2025.

There was no sponsorship request for this month. However, CAPAA hosted a welcoming event for a delegation of officials for the Independent State on Samoa on November 13, 2024. The cost of the event came out of CAPAA's donation account.

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

3. 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](#)

4. Samoan Delegation Visit

Chair Faitalia organized a events and gatherings for a visiting delegation from the Independent State of Samoa, led by Prime Minister Fiamē Naomi Mata’afa, from November 10th to 14th. CAPAA facilitated with some events, including the delegation’s tour of the State Capitol and meeting with Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck.

5. Transition to New Governor

Governor-Elect Ferguson has begun transitioning into the governorship. He has named his executive leadership team. He has also named his transition committee, which includes former Director Toshiko Hasegawa and former commissioner, and current state senator, Yasmin Trudeau.

6. Meeting Calendar for 2025

Online - January 11, 2025

Pierce County - March 15, 2025

Online - May 31, 2025

Spokane – September 20, 2025

King County – November 15, 2025

Staff will provide Specific details on exact and location at a late date.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

Photo with Governor Inslee

Date TBD

Location: Olympia, WA

Next CAPAA Board Meeting

January 11, 2025 – 10 am to 1:30 pm

Zoom Link will be provided prior to the meeting

Appendix I: Commissioner Activity Rep

Commissioner Name	Name of Activity	Date of Activity	Issue Area	Type of Activity
Laila Uppala	Small business worker rights gathering	10/22/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Laila Uppala	Small business fair	9/20/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Laila Uppala	Small business workshop compliance L&I	10/14/2024	Economic Development	Community hosted meeting/event
Laila Uppala	Candidate meet and greet	8/16/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Laila Uppala	Civic engagement summit	9/6/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	National Association of Korean Schools Northwest Chapter Gala Dinner	11/10/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Panel Discussion	11/9/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Korean American Bar Association Reception	11/8/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	National Filipino American Lawyers Association Gala	11/7/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Dinner with Consul General of South Korea Residence	11/1/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Korean American Coalition Board Meeting	10/28/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Korean American Coalition Awards Gala	10/26/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	ACRS Gala	10/12/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Radio Hankook Interview	10/10/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Philippines Airlines' Inaugural Gala	10/3/2024	Economic Development	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Philippine Airlines Inaugural Gate Event	10/2/2024	Economic Development	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Consul General of India - International Day of Non-Violence	10/2/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	Korean American Coalition Board Meeting	10/1/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Sam Cho	National Day of Korea JINJO Crew	9/30/2024	General Community Engagement	Korean Consulate
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Health & Human Services Committee Meeting	11/1/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Laotian American 50th Anniversary Planning Coalition	11/5/2024	General Community Engagement	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Make Us Visible Washington - Narrative Workshop	10/30/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Lao Senior Outreach: Rhythms of Resilience Gala	10/5/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Lao Senior Outreach Planning meeting for Rhythms of Resilience	10/2/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Economic Development Committee	10/10/2024	Economic Development	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Laotian American 50th Anniversary Planning Coalition	9/3/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Lao Senior Outreach: Planning for Rhythms of Resilience	9/28/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	APIC Democracy Summit	9/27/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Make Us Visible Washington - Meeting w/ Senator Nobles	10/3/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Make Us Visible Washington - Steering Committee Meeting	9/16/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	Make Us Visible Washington - Steering Committee Meeting	9/16/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Community hosted meeting/event
Ekkarath Sisavatdy	CAPAA Board Meeting (September)	9/21/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Densho Webinar on Lava Ridge	10/23/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Quarterly Asian Jewish Coalition Meeting	9/26/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Meeting with Senator Murray's Staff	9/26/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Legislator/Policymaker hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Meeting with Kelly Wicker	10/2/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	US Japan Council Conference	10/29/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Better Health Together BoD Meeting	11/6/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Filipino National Historical Society Event at WSHM	10/17/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Community Meeting with SPD Chief Hall	11/5/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Filipino Lawyers of Washington Gala	10/12/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	UTOPIA and PICA-WA Legislative Planning	11/4/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents Hotline Advisory Committee Meeting	10/25/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Hiroshima Club of Seattle Golf Tournament	9/18/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Providence INWA Community Mission Board Meeting	10/24/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kendall Kosai	Northwest District Buddhist Convention	9/21/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Meeting with Spokane Pasifika Community Leaders	10/24/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	PICA-WA Spokane Youth Pasifika Advisory Council	10/23/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Office of Independent Investigation Meeting with Community Liaison	10/23/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	State Agency hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	DCYF Meeting on NHIPI Language Access in Spokane	10/22/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Better Health Together BoD Meeting	10/10/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	NAOPO Pacific Health Gathering	9/29/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	PICA-WA Community Summit	9/28/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	APIC Democracy Summit	9/27/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Providence INWA Community Mission Board Meeting	9/26/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Better Health Together Board of Directors Meeting	9/20/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Spokane Pasifika Youth Advisory Council Orientation	9/18/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	Meeting with West Papua Campaign	9/18/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	WashPop NHIPI Community Advisory Board Planning Meeting	9/16/2024	Health and Human Services	Community hosted meeting/event
Kiana McKenna	NAOPO NHIPI Policy Council Meeting	9/16/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event

Scott Lehman	Education Committee Meeting	10/18/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Scott Lehman	Health and Human Services Committee Meeting	11/1/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Scott Lehman	Wapato Filipino Community Hall National Historic Site Dedication	10/12/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	Dewall Festival giving out award of Community Shaker and Mover	11/22/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	Accompany with Mayor Lisa Brown to visit the building for prospective use for	11/1/2024	General Community Engagement	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	CAPAA Health and Human Service committee meeting	11/1/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Ping Ping	MUV narrative workshop for legislature	10/30/2024	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	MUV WA chapter hosted workshop
Ping Ping	Historical Chinatown Plaque ceremony	10/11/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	CAPAA HHS Committee meeting	11/1/2024	Health and Human Services	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	Health Disparities Council update meeting	10/28/2024	Health and Human Services	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Carrie Huia	Debrief meeting with Consul General Seo of Korea in Seattle	10/23/2024	General Community Engagement	Korean Consulate in Seattle
Carrie Huia	Meeting with Mayor Tomoka Okubo of Koto, Japan	10/5/2024	Economic Development	Local Government hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	Meeting with National MH Center of Korea	10/2/2024	Health and Human Services	Korean Consulate General sponsored trip to Seoul
Carrie Huia	International Examiner Community Voice Awards—Seattle	9/27/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	APIC WA Democracy Summit - Tacoma Dome	9/27/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Carrie Huia	Chinese Exclusion Stories - Traditions Cafe, Olympia	9/26/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	Chong Wah sponsored cultural performance - Meydenbauer Center	9/20/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	Mabuhay Foundation Board meeting - Yakima	9/20/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities- Board meeting	9/18/2024	Health and Human Services	State Task Force/Workgroup/Committee Meeting
Carrie Huia	Chew Lun Seattle - Autumn Festival	9/15/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
Carrie Huia	APIAHIP speaking engagement - Nippon Kan Theatre	9/14/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	Lao 50 Year Celebration Planning Meeting	11/5/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	Vietnam Veterans Memorial	10/29/2024	General Community Engagement	Local Government hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	Lao 50-Year Celebration Marketing Committee Meeting	10/23/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	Lao 50-Year Celebration Community Outreach Committee Meeting	10/21/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	CAPAA/Commissioner hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	POM Foundation Fundraiser	10/19/2024	General Community Engagement	Community hosted meeting/event
David Phongsas	Racial Equity and Social Justice Coalition of Tri-Cities Meeting	10/14/2024	Civil Rights & Immigration	Community hosted meeting/event