**Board Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Everett Community College

Jackson Conference Center #106

2000 Tower St

Everett, WA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Quorum reached at 10:06 AM. The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice Chair Kosai at 10:011 AM.

*Present:* Chair Lydia Faitalia, 1st Vice Chair Lalita Uppala, 2nd Vice Chair Kendall Kosai, Cmmr. Carrie Huie, Cmmr. Scott Lehrman, Cmmr. Ping Ping, Cmmr. Ekkarath Sisavatdy, and Cmmr. Kiana McKenna

*Absent:*  Cmmr. Sam Cho, Cmmr. Anna Lising, and Cmmr. David Phongsa

*Staff:* Executive Director Nam Nguyen, Project Manager Negheen Kamkar and Project Coordinator Brenda O’Brien

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve: Cmmr. Lehrman.

Seconded by: Cmmr. Sisavatdy

*No abstentions or objections. Motion carried unanimously.*

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve: Cmmr. Ping

Seconded by: Cmmr. Huie

*No abstentions or objections. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Public Comment**

**Briana Tamaki, Blaine & Preciosa Tamaki Foundation :** I was not able to attend the last Board meeting because a link was not available. The link for today’s meeting only came out a day in advance. I would like to request that a meeting link be sent a week in advance.

**V. Staff Report**

**ED Nguyen** gave a verbal overview of the Staff Report at 10:22 AM. Full report can be accessed below.



**VI. State Board of Education – New Graduation Standards**

**Randy Spaulding, Executive Director for the State Board of Education,** introduced the mission of their agency and a new initiative they are working on. FutureReady is an initative that would revamp current graduation standards to more fully prepare students for success. Full presentation can be accessed below.

**VII. Education Disparity Studies Update – UW Research Team**

**Dr. Michael Spencer, Dr. Min Sun, Dr. Max Halvorson, Santino Camacho, and Victor Tian** provided the Commission the preliminary results on the studies they have been conducting. Full presentation can be accessed below.

Homelessness has been coming up, especially amongst NHPI students, but obtaining the data has been challenging. Foster care has not been coming up in their data yet, however. It would be helpful to know what would be the most important data that should be included in their report. We would also like to partner with CAPAA to create a preface for the end report.

**VIII. Lunch**

The Commission broke for lunch at 12:30 PM and reconvened at 12:51 PM.

**IX. SB 6314 on AA&NH/PI Education – Make Us Visible**

**Angelie Chong, Director of Make Us Visible Washington,** shared an update on what the organization has been working on since their last visit. Full presentation can be accessed below.

**ED Nguyen** suggested a taskforce identifying curriculum needs and assessments could be helpful in developing curriculum and funding for schools. As it stands now, [SB 6314](https://lawfilesext.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2023-24/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6314.pdf?q=20241125154214) names CAPAA in a role that they are not equipped to take on. It would be better to have CAPAA play a role on a taskforce or workgroup with other experts to more effectively implement the proposals and any corresponding fiscal notes.

**Dir. Chong** clarified that the bill is not necessarily intended to develop curriculum, but to include Asian history through speakers, authors, offered resources, etc. when already teaching on topics such as citizenship.

**Cmmr. McKenna** reiterated the importance of using disaggregated data. Aggregated data erases NHPI communities and distorts data for Asian communities as well. Are there any communities introducing bills pertaining to education, so that one bill is not prioritized over another? **Dir. Chong** replied that they will be meeting with **Rep. Morgan** to discuss other bills and can report back to the Commission on what was discussed.

**2nd VC Kosai** asked that we continuously engage with other communities to determine if anyone working on similar bills can give us feedback on this one.

**Cmmr. Lehrman** wondered if enough funding is available to distribute their coloring books to his entire district. **Dir. Chong** can work with headquarters to work out the logistics.

**Chair Faitalia** urged *Make Us Visible* to work with other groups like the UW Research Team to help inform their work.



**X. Meeting Dates for 2025**

The Commission approved the following Board meeting dates and locations for 2025:

* Virtual - January 11, 2025
* Pierce County - March 15, 2025
* Virtual - May 31, 2025
* Spokane – September 20, 2025
* King County – November 15, 2025

**XI. Commissioner Roundtable**

**Cmmr. Kosai:** CAPAA has sent a letter requesting an alternative site to the [Minidoka National Historic Site](https://www.minidokapilgrimage.org/about-3) for development of a wind farm. We have been working with several elected federal officials, along with state agencies including the Governor’s Office on this project as well.

I also want to recognize Fracisco Aragon, who we lost a couple of months ago. He was a longtime activist for the CID and a steward of the Filipino American community. He left an incredible legacy behind and was known for his no BS approach. I hope we can follow in his footsteps as strong advocates for our community.

**Cmmr. Lehrman:** I was honored to be able to attend the October 12th ceremony designating the Filipino Community Hall of Yakima Valley as a National Historic site. Commissioner Emeritus Rey Pascua spoke and there was a very large turnout. It was evident from those in attendance that the hall has been the backbone of the community for many years and I was excited that they were able to celebrate being recognized as a historical site.

**Cmmr. Ping:** One thing I wanted to flag is in determining what role CAPAA would play in the SB 6314 that *Make Us Visible* is working on. I am also speaking on behalf of some community members who were curious about what happens after a complaint is filed with the Human Rights Commission. They have filed some complaints, and never heard anything back.

I have also filed a complaint in regard to a hate incident I experienced at work, but similarly never heard back from them. What typically happens or should be happening after something is submitted?

Action: Staff will follow up with Cmmr. Ping offline.

**Cmmr. McKenna:** As we head into winter, housing and food insecurity continues to be of concern to many across Washington State. At PICA, these are the top two service requests we receive, but due to decline in funding are having a very difficult time being able to close the gap on. If you are aware of funding opportunities please put in a good word that these issues are a huge need right now and in the foreseeable future.

**Cmmr. Sisavatdy:** We had our first Senior Lao outreach, where I serve as one of the Board members. It was a very successful fundraiser that took place on October 5th, and I want to thank Chair Faitalia for joining us.

Cmmr. Phongsa and I are also helping on the coalition that is planning the 50th anniversary of Laos celebration. We are working on a proclamation that we hope to be able to present at the celebration in 2025.

**Cmmr. Uppala:** We are still following up with the Seattle Police Department regarding their officer that misspoke on Jaahnavi Kandula, who was fatally struck by a police car last year. The department is currently undergoing several investigations into allegations so they continue to wait to hear back.

We have had several incidents in East King County where seniors from the Indian SE Asian community have been targeted. In response to this, we have been working with SE Asian police advisory committees to help educate our own community on how to file complaints.

**Cmmr. Huie:** We had an excellent Health & Human Services Committee meeting last month. We are working on determining priorities of the committee and trying to dovetail that with the Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities, which I’ve just become a member of alongside Cmmr. Faitalia.

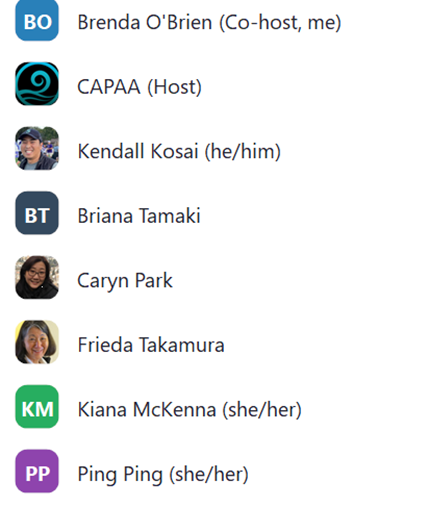
[Washington Thriving](https://www.washingtonthriving.org/) was also present at the meeting and they gave an excellent presentation. Rep. Lisa Callahan from the 5th LD kicked off introductory remarks.

Lastly, I had an opportunity to travel to Korea and Japan, where I was able to meet with the National Mental Health Center of Korea, a children and family support center, and a children’s foster home called the Wildflower House. I was also able to meet with Mayor Koto and hear about what Japan has been doing in terms of public housing and health. It offered a valuable global perspective that I hope will bear on the work we do here.

**XII. Adjournment**

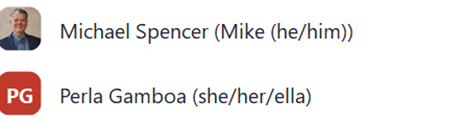
The meeting was officially adjourned at 1:48 PM.

**Zoom Attendees:**

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