



The State of Washington  
**COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

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***Improving the lives of Asian Pacific Americans***

**Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Board Meeting**

Snohomish County Administration Building  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201  
Saturday, September 17, 2011

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and introductions were given. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Lisa Dickinson, Frieda Takamura, Jeannie Lee, Rey Pascua, Jagdish Sharma, Jeannie Lee, Lua Pritchard, Pearl Leung, and Tashi Khamshitsang

Commissioners Absent: Debadutta Dash, Tyati Tufono, Sofia Aragon and Quang Nguyen

Staff Members Present: Executive Assistant Justin Chan

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2011 MINUTES**

Motion was made at 10:13 a.m. by Commissioner Takamura and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes with no amendments. Minutes approved.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Pritchard

- Made an announcement on two events: September 21, 2012, Asian American Summit at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall and February 11, 2012, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year Celebration at Tacoma dome featuring the island of Fiji.
- Provided updates on APIC meeting with state officials on the preservation of naturalization and immigrant services.
- Indicated that the Asian Pacific Cultural Center will have a new location in downtown Tacoma.
- Updated members on the selection of three priority areas for the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities that are behavior health, environmental health, and poverty.
- Thanked Executive Director Yamaguchi for her assistance in securing a \$25,000 grant for civic engagement.

Commissioner Lee

- Updated members on the following events: July 16<sup>th</sup>, visited small business owners to hear about some community landlord issues. July 26<sup>th</sup>, presented at the Department of Revenue diversity training on behalf of the commission. August 14<sup>th</sup>, had a photo shoot that documented Korean food experiences at her home for an upcoming Wing Luke exhibit. August 17<sup>th</sup>, attended a meeting with U.S. Senator Patty Murray and small business owners to advocate on behalf of the community. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, attended an event held by a recently formed Korean organization that teaches Korean youth about language and culture.

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**Agency Overview**

The CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by ensuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

- Indicated that the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Revenue were featured on the pilot Korean Radio Program to discuss the differences between the two agencies and on August 31<sup>st</sup>, the pilot Korean Radio Program broadcast highlighted information on the T12 light that will be discontinued and information on rebates.

#### Commissioner Leung

- Informed members that she will attend the Tabor 100's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala representing CAPAA.
- Attended the following events: August 17<sup>th</sup>, the business roundtable with Senator Patty Murray and small business to discuss health care insurance. July 7<sup>th</sup>, participated in the White House Business Roundtable with the Region 10 Director on the E5 visa program.
- Shared information on a meeting with Commissioner Dash where there was discussion on priorities for the economic committee to focus on drawing more state revenue through the Washington wine market.

#### Commissioner Takamura

- Provided an update on the AAPI Voices in Education Initiative that received a grant from the Gates Foundation on improving education in the AAPI community that includes focus group discussions to share experiences with Washington's preschools, K-12<sup>th</sup> grade schools and colleges. Thanked the Gates Foundation.
- Updated members on the Achievement Gap Oversight Accountability Committee.
- Updated commission on letter of support to the Department of Education on behalf of our state's Department of Early Learning to compete for Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge funding.
- Reflected on the new public exhibit on the history of AAPIs at Wing Luke.
- Indicated that South Seattle Community College (AANAPISI) is waiting to hear if they received additional funding.
- Thanked Executive Director Yamaguchi for all her work on the education initiative and education committees.

#### Commissioner Sharma

- Attended a naturalization event with Senator Maria Cantwell, Mayor McGinn and other officials.
- Participated in an Asian Indian public forum with the San Francisco Consulate General of India to discuss restrictions on obtaining visas.
- Indicated that there were numerous ethnic celebrations at Boeing, including one event held for Japan.

#### Commissioner Pascua

- Provided special thanks to Commissioner Sharma for attending numerous community events in the Yakama Valley.
- Announced that the celebrations for the opening of newly completed Filipino Community of the Yakama facility renovation will be postponed. Thanked the legislature for providing the grant to complete the renovation.
- Special acknowledgment to Eduarda Gurtiza, a greater leader and pioneer woman in the Filipino community and Yoshio Uchida, a Japanese community leader, who recently passed away.
- Indicated that during Labor Day weekend, the community hosted the nationally famous Filipino drill team who had three performances in the valley.
- Expressed concern on tariffs affecting wine exports and imports.
- Acknowledged former Executive Director Ellen Abellera in winning the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Pinoy Reporter 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tagumpay Awards on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Commissioner Dickinson

- Provided some background information about her experience working on small business law.
- Discussed conducting more outreach to small businesses in Eastern Washington and her work with JACL-Spokane as a legal advisor, the Spokane County Bar Association Diversity Section, and the American Bar Association House of Delegates. She is working on issues such as language issues in the court system.
- Attended the Minority Caucus Reception in late July with other minority attorneys in the House of Delegates.
- Participated at the Adult Asian Adoptees of Washington 15<sup>th</sup> Annual gathering.

#### Commissioner Khamshitsang

- Discussed his involvement in the Tibetan community to inform and educate them about CAPAA.
- Attended and gave remarks briefly highlighting CAPAA at the 16<sup>th</sup> Tibet Festival.
- Provided update to members on his monthly meetings, events and work as a delegate to provide updates on CAPAA.
- Indicated that he is the Tibetan representative of North American to the Tibetan headquarters in India and will be traveling to India for one week. Commissioners expressed congratulations on the attainment of this position.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### 1. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- **Operating Budget:** The agency's operating budget for the 2011-2013 Biennium is \$232,000 for FY 2012 and \$219,000 for FY 2013 with a total of \$451,000. The agency will be able to maintain current staffing levels but will continue to have limited discretionary funding for printing, purchased services, and supplies.
- **2012 Supplemental Budget:** On September 22, 2011, the agency's supplemental budget will be submitted to the Office of Financial Management. The Governor is asking all state agencies to prepare for a 5% and 10% reduction. A 5% reduction would amount to \$23,000 for the biennium with a reduction of \$11,600 and \$10,950 in the respective fiscal years of 2012 and 2013. A 10% reduction would amount to \$45,000 with a reduction of \$23,200 and \$21,900 in the respective fiscal years of 2012 and 2013. The agency has identified supplies, printing, purchased services, travel, and miscellaneous as the areas for reduction. The agency may be able to manage in FY 2012, however, in FY 2013, the agency will not be able to maintain current staffing levels or have any discretionary funding.
- **Temporary Layoffs:** The legislature passed a bill requiring a 3% salary reduction for state employees from July 1, 2011 through June 29, 2013. This amounts to a reduction of \$4,000 for each fiscal year. This amounts to 5.2 hours of leave per month for each staff member over the next two years. Staff is rotating days out of the office to ensure there is full office coverage.

## 2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

- **Reimbursements:** During the last legislative session, a bill was passed prohibiting Commissioners from receiving an allowance for subsistence, lodging, or travel expenses during this fiscal year. On July 24, 2011, an exemption was granted for Commissioners and staff for the 2011 meetings in September and November and the 2012 meetings in January, March, and June. The remaining meetings in the 2012 year do not require an exemption.
- **Casework System:** The agency is in the implementation phase of a casework system to streamline operations, strengthen accountability, and offer top-rated customer service. This system is modeled after several government and non-profit service providers and expands our agency's ability to collect data on AAPI ethnic groups going beyond federal and state requirements. One highlight of this system is the automation of requests through an intake form for processing on our website and database. The internal casework system is now complete and integrated with our website. You can view this new system by visiting the "Request Assistance" section on the main page of our website.

## 3. UPDATE ON PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

- **New Brochure:** In June, staff completed an update of the commission brochure to include Census 2010 data. The brochure is translated into several Asian languages. More languages for print are being considered. An electronic version is now available on the agency's website.
- **Data Page:** In August, staff updated our agency's website to include 2010 Census information. Washington State now has over 674,573 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Additional updates were made to the data page link, *Snapshot of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Washington State*. Highlights include state information on population data sorted by race, demographic characteristics, and population by county and legislative district.
- **Calendar:** In July, the Department of Information Services completed an update of our website calendar. The public can now submit statewide events of interest to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Monthly, weekly and day viewing options are now available.
- **Constituent Relations Management System:** Staff completed an internal infrastructure to manage assistance requests from the community given our population increase and growing needs. This system was created in response to an increase in calls and emails. Despite an absence of publicity on this program because of our budgetary constraints, community members have been utilizing this new service.
- **Ethnic Media and Government Services:** In July, staff launched a pilot program with the state's largest circulation print papers serving the AAPI community to facilitate information on government services and to provide coverage of state government resources, programs and policies. In August, the agency began testing the pilot in partnership with the *Northwest Asian Weekly* and the *International Examiner*. Future expansion to all AAPI ethnic media is expected. Ethnic media may request a listing of our agency media contacts.
- **Informational Board:** Staff completed a travel display board showcasing the commission's purpose, history, and priority areas as well as demographic data. This board is paired with information on state government services for the AAPI community. Community members may request use accompanied by staff or commissioners at community events.

#### 4. OUTREACH:

- **Statewide Outreach:** Despite limited resources, staff continues to conduct community outreach and provide advocacy on policy related issues facing the AAPI community and outreach to underrepresented populations. Over 105 meetings and events with stakeholders, governmental entities, and community organizations have occurred in the last three months, in addition to the numerous events our commissioners have attended in each of their counties.
- **Federal Outreach:** Staff continues to maintain relationships with federal agencies to stay apprised of policies impacting the AAPI community in our state.
  - **White House Briefing for Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Leaders:** On June 22, 2011, the executive director attended a White House briefing at the Department of Treasury on policies impacting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Updates were provided on education reform, the budget, economy, and immigration.
  - **White House Asian Pacific American History Month Event:** Upon the invitation of President Obama, the executive director attended an event at the White House honoring Asian Pacific American History Month on June 22, 2011. Many state and city AAPI commission representatives and community leaders were present.
  - **National Conference Call of Asian American and Pacific Islander Commissions:** Our commission was selected as the feature of a national conference call hosted by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders on July 29, 2011. Highlights of our work and accomplishments around education, health care, human services, and economic development were made.
  - **National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development Conference:** On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the executive director participated in several workshops and plenary sessions at the largest gathering of community-based practitioners, policy makers, legislative representatives, corporations and foundations working with AAPI communities nationwide to exchange strategies on housing, economic, and neighborhood development initiatives.
  - **Department of Commerce:** In June, staff met with Victoria Tung with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs on federal opportunities for Asian American and Pacific Islander small businesses in our state.
  - **Department of Education:** Staff met with Ryan Edgar at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in June to provide an update on the commission's work on education, population data changes in the state, and to discuss available federal funding opportunities.
  - **Roundtables on the Affordable Care Act, Small Businesses and Immigration hosted by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:** In July, commissioners and staff attended three roundtables hosted by the White House focusing on the Affordable Care Act, Small Businesses, and Immigration. The Affordable Care Act Roundtable provided an opportunity to dialogue on the Act and its impact on the AAPI community. The Business Council Roundtable focused on AAPI small business owners and ways to best support their growth. The Immigration Roundtable discussed some of the best practices in the field of immigrant integration. Special acknowledgments to Commissioners Aragon, Pritchard, Nguyen, and Leung for their participation.
  - **Environmental Protection Agency:** On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, staff met with Renee Dagset, Community Involvement Coordinator; Alan Lee, Program Analyst, and Rochelle Labiosa from the Environmental Protection Agency, to provide recommendations and consul on several federal outreach programs for the AAPI community.
  - **Advancing Justice Conference:** The Commission is a co-sponsor for the Advancing Justice Conference which is a national civil rights and social justice conference that aims to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders in one place to address a broad range of issues facing the AAPI community. It is a joint project by the Asian American Institute (Chicago), Asian American Justice Center (Washington, DC), Asian Law Caucus (San Francisco), and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (Los Angeles). The conference will take place in San Francisco on October 27-28, 2011.
- **Agency Outreach:** Since the launch of the Asian Pacific American State Agency Liaison-Network (APASAL-Network), staff continues to meet with our agency liaisons on a monthly basis.
  - **Department of Social and Health Services:** On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the executive director met with the new Economic Services Assistant Secretary David Stillman, to discuss and advocate for several programs

impacting the AAPI community. Our agency liaison, Victor Chacon, also highlighted a new recovery help line that community organizations and members may have an interest in which offers 24-hour emotional support and referrals to local treatment services for residents with substance use, problem gambling, and mental health disorders. The toll-free number is 1-866-789-1511.

- **Employment Security Department:** Staff continues to meet with Eddie Maiava, our agency liaison, to discuss assistance for jobseekers in the AAPI community. The Department of Labor reports that the average 2010 Asian American unemployment rate in our state is 7.8% and that those Asians unemployed face longer durations of unemployment. Washington State has one of the highest numbers of unemployed Asian American workers at 22,000. ESD representatives will discuss state resources at the commission's board meeting.
- **Department of Financial Institutions:** Staff connected with Lyn Peters on programs of interest to the AAPI community. Community members should be aware of the new Washington State Foreclosure Fairness Act Mediation Program which provides homeowners facing foreclosure with assistance by helping a resident and their lender reach a resolution. More information can be found at [www.homeownership.wa.gov](http://www.homeownership.wa.gov) or access a free housing counselor at 1-877-894-4663.
- **Office of the Attorney General:** Staff continues to meet with Elena Granados on policies affecting the AAPI community and to advocate for outreach programs. The commission is currently working with the Office of the Attorney General to submit a grant proposal which would provide outreach to the statewide AAPI community on consumer fraud issues.
- **Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board:** Walter Wong provided our staff with an update on programs and policies of interest for the AAPI community. The Workforce Board is currently focusing on youth unemployment and will be presenting their plan of action on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Tacoma. Community members are invited to provide comment.
- **Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises:** Staff continues to meet with Cathy Canorro, our liaison, to advocate on procurement reform and to discuss economic development issues impacting the AAPI community. On July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, seminars focusing on access to capital and contract financing were held in partnership with East West Bank.
- **Office of the Education Ombudsman:** Staff met with Cathy Liu and provided recommendations on outreach strategies to ensure the AAPI community is aware of the services of the Office of the Education Ombudsman. In current development is a statewide plan for AAPI outreach.
- **Human Rights Commission:** Sharon Ortiz provided an update to staff on programs and events of interest to the AAPI community.
- **Department of Early Learning:** Our state is eligible for \$60 million over four years, if we win a competitive Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge. An application is being prepared and our commission has submitted a letter of support. Community members may also have an interest in providing feedback on the redesign of our state's Early Learning Guidelines (formerly known as Benchmarks) to make sure that the guidelines are culturally relevant for our increasingly diverse population. More information can be found at [www.del.wa.gov/development/benchmarks](http://www.del.wa.gov/development/benchmarks)
- **Department of Labor and Industries:** Staff met with Dave Wasser, our agency liaison, to discuss Worker's Compensation Reform. A representative from the agency will be presenting at the commission's board meeting.
- **Department of Licensing:** Community members may be interested to know that beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the fee for a new or renewed commercial driver license increases from \$30 to \$61.
- **Secretary of State:** Staff continues to meet with our agency liaison, Patrick Reed, on current laws and policies impacting the AAPI community. AAPI business may have an interest in electing to receive an email reminder notice on annual report filing. This service is available for businesses registered with the Secretary of State. Citizens and foreign nationals seeking to obtain an apostille on documents that will be used overseas or certification, may be interested in visiting the recently updated website at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/corps/apostilles/>
- **Department of Revenue:** Staff met with Rick Stedman to discuss current policies and programs for the AAPI community. To increase outreach to the AAPI community on services, in July, the Department of

Revenue was featured on our radio pilot program. Special thanks to Commissioner Lee for also providing diversity training to the agency's Diversity Committee.

- **Office of the Insurance Commissioner:** Our commission, in partnership with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and the Asian Pacific American Resource Network are hosting several statewide health events. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, an event focusing on free health screening and information about the new health care reform law will be held in multiple Asian languages at the Everest College in Renton from 9:30-2:30 p.m. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a program focusing on the Affordable Health Care Act will be at the Ethnic Elder Fair in Snohomish County. It will also be held in multiple Asian languages.
- **Department of Commerce:** Staff connected with Joe Olson, our agency liaison, to discuss programs and policies impacting the AAPI community. In July, the Washington Export Initiative launched a new outreach effort targeted to small and medium sized business to encourage companies to develop new international markets and customer bases, and increase the total export sales out of Washington.
- **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Staff met with Susanne Beauchaine, our agency liaison for policy updates on the Bullying Workgroup, Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, Gangs in School Taskforce, and the Dropout Prevention Team. Staff and representatives from our AAPI community continue to sit on each of these groups.
- **Department of Health:** Staff connected with Jovie Swanson on programs, policies, and events of interest to the AAPI community. Community members should be aware that on July 1, 2011, the Community and Family Health Division was renamed the "Prevention and Community Health Division" to emphasize the importance of prevention and supportive community environments in people's lives and their health. Staff also discussed an issue of concern with the agency of AAPI community members fishing and consuming contaminated fish along the Duwamish River.
- **Limited English Proficiency Workgroup:** On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the executive director participated in an interagency Limited English Proficiency Workgroup meeting. Over 59 agencies provided updates on their language access programs, policies, and resources.

## 5. CAPAA COMMISSION:

- **Board Meetings:** The remaining 2011 board meeting will take place on November 19, 2011. The 2012 board meetings will take place on January 14, March 17, June 16, September 15, and November 17.
- **New Commissioners:** We welcome newly appointed Commissioners Lisa Dickinson, Pearl Leung and Quang Nguyen.

## 6. UPDATE ON ISSUE AREAS:

- **Education:**
  - **Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative:** Our commission is pleased to be a partner on the Washington Asian American and Pacific Islander Voices in Education Initiative. On July 28, 2011, a convening of the Advisory Council comprised of AAPI leaders in early learning, K-12, and higher education took place. There are three phases to the initiative. We are currently in the first and second phase. The first phase focuses on community based research on the challenges and opportunities for AAPIs in education. The second phase is on AAPI engagement in education reform and includes the hosting of two summits for the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Commissioner Takamura serves as our liaison to this initiative.
  - **Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee:** Commissioner Takamura and Sili Savusa continue to represent our community on this committee. A meeting in late September is expected. Commissioner Takamura will provide an update.
  - **Education Workgroups:** Representatives from our community continue to sit on the following workgroups: Early Learning, Gangs in Schools, Ed Tech, QEC Compensation Workgroup, and the Bilingual Education Advisory Committee. Staff also recently attended the OSPI & External Partners Dropout Meeting.
  - **Pacific Islander Education Task Force:** The Pacific Islander Task Force continues to meet on a regular basis with Sili Savusa serving as the acting chair.

- **Health Care and Human Services:**

- **Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities:** Commissioner Pritchard represents our commission on this council. The council continues to work on state action plans to eliminate health disparities. Commissioner Pritchard provided an update on the work of this council.
- **Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Youth Health and Fitness Day:** In collaboration with the Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities, the Asia Pacific Cultural Center, and our commission, the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Youth Health and Fitness Day took place on July 1<sup>st</sup> in Pierce County. There were over 300 community members in attendance for this first time event for our state. Funding for this project was made possible by the federal Office of Minority Health. Special acknowledgments to Commissioner Pritchard for her work on this successful event.

- **Economic Development:**

- **Sustainable Growth Summit:** On July 8, 2011, in partnership with North Seattle Community College and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, the commission hosted a Sustainable Growth Summit at North Seattle Community College. Several hundred community members attended to hear featured speakers including: Cabinet member Christopher Lu; Christina Lagdameo, Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and Ronnie Chatterji, Senior Economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisors. Numerous workshops and panels bringing together federal and local officials to promote sustainable communities, encourage innovation, and support economic growth were held.
- **AAPI Small Business Roundtable with Senator Patty Murray:** On August 17, 2011, Commissioners Lee, Nguyen, and Leung along with several AAPI small business owners met with Senator Patty Murray to advocate for policies and programs on behalf of the community. Special acknowledgment and appreciation to former Commissioner Shen for his work on this event.
- **Economic Development Workgroups and Committees:** Albert Shen, a member of the Economic Development Committee, continues to serve as a representative on the Small Business Advisory Committee. Commissioner Dash serves sits on the Export Initiative which hosts quarterly working group meetings. Maiko Winkler-Chin is working with staff on the Microenterprise program and Mohan Gurung on the Efficient Regulation exercise.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **Department of Commerce**

- Valerie Grigg Devis, Program Coordinator at the Department of Commerce, provided information on the foreclosure fairness program. They are working with the Office of the Attorney General to deal with a wave of mortgage foreclosures that amount to 44 to 50 thousand foreclosures which equates to one home to every 400. This program has been operational for 6 months and offers free foreclosure advice to determine the best course of action for homeowners in threat of foreclosure. By going through this program, homeowners are 60% more likely to avoid foreclosure. States that offer this program have a high percentage of success. The lender and borrower have 30 days to respond. They meet with housing counselors and attorneys and interpreters can be requested.

### **Department of Early Learning**

- Nancy Myles, Northwest Service Area Manager at the Department of Early Learning, highlighted information on her position. She is responsible for 75,000 children a year, overseeing childcare licensing in the northwest with about 30,000 households. Provided information on numerous programs that included the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program Career Alternative program which is a pre-kindergarten program for low-income three- and four-year-old children and their families by matching them with trained professionals. Provided information on their early learning guidelines and revised the benchmarks to be more culturally relevant and sensitive to cultures. She provided information on the Race to the Top federal grant application for 16 million dollars that will fund a measure to track children and outcomes. Provided thanks to the Commission for their letter of support.

### **Department of Labor & Industries**

- Dave Wasser, Senior Communications Consultant at Labor and Industries, highlighted his work in the agency. Reflected on the implementation of the workers compensation system with new legislative reforms that will create new workers compensation rates in early December that are meant to reduce costs in workers compensation. Provided information on numerous programs that include the Centers of Occupational Health & Education (COHE) that work with medical providers, employers, and injured workers in a community-based program to provide guidelines for medical providers to utilize to better treat workers. Stay at Work program is in the process of reform and the agency is working on outreach to inform more workers of their rights. Provided information on combating abuse and fraud with 180 million dollars from fraud claims recovered last year. Introduced Lena Wong and thanked her for her AAPI outreach efforts.

### **Employment Security Department**

- Eddie Maiava, Diversity Outreach Coordinator at the Employment Security Department, provided information on his position in consumer protection. He oversees recruitment as the assistant director in outreach and has worked with students and people in the community through workshops and events by providing direction and guidance to acquire jobs. Provided information on a new website system at <http://careers.wa.gov> and offered to work with AAPIs to use the new interface on the website. Indicated his ability to refer individuals from the AAPI community to state agencies and connect them with recruiters and agency positions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Patrick Hogan from Congressman Jay Inslee's office provided information on Congressman Jay Inslee's support of issues of concern to the AAPI community. He is working on increasing wine exports, especially to East Asia. He is also working hard to resolve the EB 5 visa issue and supports our state's Race to the Top grant.
- Bo Tunestam from the Community of Colors Coalition discussed the coalition's work as a local group that focuses on public policy and issues of cultural and racial disparity occurring in Snohomish County. They have worked with schools on bullying by having meetings and forums and are currently at the early planning stages of having a summit in Snohomish County to discuss the issues in the community and how we can relate with each other. A formal proposal is being worked on and a future request of support from the commission may occur.
- Stephen Yao from the Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation provided information on the organization and program. The organization has been around for approximately 10 to 12 years. This year's community leadership program project is with SCIDpda on community revitalization through the arts. The community presentation on the results of the surveys, focus groups and interviews will be on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The ACLF 12<sup>th</sup> annual graduation dinner and auction dinner will be on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the South Seattle Community College Brockey Center.
- Lavinia Bishop and Joe Kulavere with the Fiji community thanked Commissioner Pritchard for inviting them to the board meeting. The Fijian community has approximately 1000 members encompassing 12 denominations with a majority being Methodist. Informed members on that the Fijian community will be featured at 14<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year Celebration at Tacoma dome.

Commissioner Pascua motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 1:35 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Frieda with unanimous approval.

Minutes prepared by Justin Chan.