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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 4:30pm

McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12<sup>th</sup> floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk\*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

Item #1: Accepted December 2016 meeting minutes

Item #2: Executive Director (ED) Monthly Report:

- New commissioner appointments: Nina Liang by Attorney General, Anil Saigal by State Treasurer, Jonjy Ananth by Senate President, Loan Thi Dao by State Auditor

Item #3: Written Executive Committee (EC) Report:

- Elisa gave an overview of EC report, please also refer to the written Executive Committee report submitted by Elisa Choi

Item #4: Executive Officer Election:

- We followed proper procedures for nomination and voting
- The following are new Executive Officers for 2017:
  - Chair – Elisa Choi
  - Vice Chairperson – Nick Chau
  - Treasurer – Wingkay Leung
  - Secretary – Vira Douangmany- Cage

Item #5: 2017 Unity Dinner planning subcommittee:

- Extensive discussion regarding who to choose for the keynote speaker
- We decided that Judge Duffly will be keynote speaker and Professor Odo will speak on the 75th Anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066, which authorized the internment of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and resident aliens from Japan.

Item #6: Sign Code of Conduct

- All Commissioners are required to sign code of conduct for the new year

Item #7: Strategic planning committee updates:

- Lianna will draft a template for press release for all new Commissioners
- Sophy presented her plans for AAC's quarterly newsletter

Item #8: Subcommittee Updates:

PR/Legislation – (Evelyn, Chair)

Finance/Admin – (Wingkay, Chair)

- Review new policy for commissioner attendance, further discussion and voting at the next meeting

Program – Health and Human Services (Elisa, Chair)

Program – Young Leaders Symposium (Chris, Chair)

Program – Economic Development (Gilbert, Chair)



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- January 18, 2017 at 6pm, Economic/Financial Literacy event at BCNC in Quincy in collaboration with Treasurer's office.

Item #9: Updates on meeting with AAPI Legislative Caucus:

- Executive Committee and Executive Director gave an update from the meeting with AAPI Legislative Caucus
- They are very supportive of the Commission

Item #10: "Exciting project happening during AAPI Heritage Month"

- Bora presented a potential collaboration project between Boston Public School and Company One with AAC
- The play is "PEERLESS" by nationally renowned Asian-American playwright Jiehae Park.
- We will vote at the next meeting whether we want to collaborate and support the project

Bora confirmed swearing-in ceremony for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, Treasurer's office, State House Room 227 with a snow day, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

Item #11: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, next meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Item #12: Meeting adjourned, and we opened the conference room for Commissioner Appreciation event.