

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

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#### <u>Meeting Minutes</u> Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02116

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

- 1. Accepted previous minutes for April 2018
- Executive Director and Executive Committee Report

   Motion to approve additional \$10,000 CD for Leader Bank and proceed with \$25,000 CD at Eastern Bank as previously approved Vote: Motion passed
  - Wingkay worked with Carolyn Wong from the Institute for Asian American Studies to submit comment to MA Gaming Commission
- 3. AAC signature authority
  - Motion to authorize Executive Director to issue checks or payments up to \$500 Motion passed
  - ED to work with Treasurer on forthcoming monthly reports
- 4. Commissioner reimbursement
  - Deferred to Finance/Admin Committee to create proposal for next meeting
  - Must outline amount, what purposes (ie parking), and for who
  - Need to factor in mileage (transportation)
- 5. Review attendance policy
  - Provided overview of attendance policy
- 6. Unity Dinner Debrief and Next Steps
  - Feedback
    - Performance needs to be projected on screen
    - Podium obstructed dance
    - Need stage manager volunteer
    - Limit VIP speeches: 3 speeches (highest appointer, Asian Caucus, highest Asian ranking official)
    - Refrain from statements on campaigning
    - Silent Auction app or online application for next year
  - EC to respond to student's email to acknowledge message
  - Next meeting
    - Propose Unity Dinner Chair
    - Propose suitable event space
- 7. Subcommittee updates (if any):

PR/Legislation

Best to keep Advocacy Day after elections



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- Current proposed date: Thursday, November 15
- Target audience: support development of organizations with membership base
- Model Health and Human Services Committee: invite groups AAC has worked with over the years

### Finance/Admin

- No updates to report

### Health and Human Services

- Asian American Mental Health Forum Friday, June 1 at UMass Boston AAC is a sponsor this year
- Committee is implementing quarterly roundtable discussions

Young Leaders Symposium

Deferred for subsequent discussion

Economic Development

- Deferred for subsequent discussion
- 8. Old Business
  - No updates to report
- 9. New Business
  - AAC to sponsor National Dragon and Lion Dance for \$250 Dragon & Lion Eye Dotting Monday, May 14, 10:30am – 11:30am State House, Grand Staircase
- 10. Next Commission Meeting: Every second Wednesday, June 13 New Location Needed for 3 months (June, September, December)
  - Mabel has contact for community room in Cambridge
  - Kim can look into Harvard Chan space
- 11. Community Updates & Meeting adjourned