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## Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020, 10:30am to 11:30am

1 Ashburton Place, 12<sup>th</sup> Fl (East Conference Room), Boston, MA 02108

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

### Attachments:

- Executive Committee Report
- Staff Report
- Meeting minutes, January 21, 2020
- Audit Proposal
- 2019 Nonprofit budget / FY20 State appropriation
- Dragon Boat Festival Support Letter
- Coronavirus Press Statement

Staff present in person: Jenny Chiang, Jessica Wong

Vira calls meeting to order at 10:39am

1. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2020 – **VOTE**  
Gilbert moves to accept the minute, Danielle seconds.
  - Motion passed
2. Executive Committee Report
  - Jenny provided an overview of the Executive Committee report
3. Introduction of new Commissioners  
Samuel Hyun – Appointed by the House Speaker  
Betty King – Appointed by the House Speaker
4. Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and OCPF Annual Review (Jenny, 5 mins)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
5. Reorganization of Committees
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
6. Dragon Boat Festival Letter of Support – **VOTE**
  - Philjay motions to approve letter of support, Mabel seconds - Motion passed
  - Coronavirus – Sam, Danielle, and Philjay can work on press conference
7. Western MA – **VOTE**
  - Office Space
    - 2 co-working office spaces were presented (TechSpring in Springfield, MA and Amherst Works in Amherst, MA). Vira explains that there are 2 separate Asian American communities in Springfield and Amherst. We hope to have a space for staff to be present and to share space with community groups who have less access to resources.



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- Danielle motions to approve monthly rental of TechSpring in Springfield from March 2020 to the end of June 2020 at the Resident Membership rate of \$300, Bora seconds - Motion passed unanimously

- Bora motions to approve the office space #3 at Amherst Works for \$650/month, Philjay seconds - Motion passed unanimously

- Community Organizer Consultant
  - Bora moves to increase rate to \$18/hour
  - Motion to approve community organizer consultant position with an end date of June 30, 2020 - Motion passed

- Bora moves to approve intern position at \$2500 per intern with 2 internships for Amherst and Boston - Motion passed

8. Request from Sara Ting, World Unity Inc. – Sun Poem PSA (Vira, 5 mins)  
 “Are you greater than the sun, that shines on everyone; black, brown, yellow  
 red and white, the sun does not discriminate”  
 - Deferred for subsequent discussion

9. Discussion on AAC Office Phone Number  
 - Deferred for subsequent discussion

10. Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each

- Unity Dinner/Fundraiser (Vanna, Chair)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Legislation Committee (Nate, Chair)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
- PR Committee (Mary L., Chair)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Finance/Admin (Bora, Chair)

- Budget Proposal – **VOTE**

Proposal to move funding from Western MA activities budget to help subsidize the space if needed.

Sam motions to approve the budget for FY20, Philjay seconds - Motion passed

- Auditing

Further discussion on auditing tabled for March meeting

- Health and Human Services (Mary C. & Vanna, Co-Chairs)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Young Leaders Symposium (Nina & Philjay, Co-Chair)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Economic Development (Mary C., Chair)
  - Deferred for subsequent discussion



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11. Old business

12. New Business

13. Next Commission meeting

14. Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned

15. Mabel motions to adjourn the meeting – Motion passed

- Meeting adjourned at 11:50am