



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83421971270>

\*Please note that this meeting will be recorded

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law and COVID-19.

Commissioners In Attendance: Gary Chu, Meena Bharath, Tuyet Tran, Philjay Solar, Danielle Kim, Saatvik Ahluwalia, Jennifer Rubin, Karen Chen, Christopher Huang, Gary Yu

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, Policy and Communications Director Jennifer Best, Executive Communications Specialist Lizette Sta. Maria, Program & Research Director Shubhecchha Dhaurali

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:32PM.

### 2. Commissioners Check-in

### 3. Public Comment

### 4. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes March 19, 2024 (VOTE)

Commissioner Saatvik Ahluwalia makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Commissioner Tuyet Tran seconds.

Yes: Saatvik Ahluwalia, Tuyet Tran, Philjay Solar, Danielle Kim, Meena Bharath, Karen Chen, Gary Chu

Abstain: Jennifer Rubin

*The motion passes.*

### 5. Budget reallocation (VOTE)

ED Yasmin Padamsee Forbes provides an update on current finances and a proposal from the Governance Subcommittee on using unspent funds by the end of FY24.

Strategic Planning: \$5,000

Handbook Review, Compliance: \$2,000

Sea Kay, Youth Council Deputy Coordinator: \$2,800

Project Management Software \$2,400

Equipment \$2,526

Work out how to allocate the funds for audio-visual equipment for staff, whether as a stipend, reimbursement, or other option the state treasury allows.

Staff Development: \$4,000

Arts & Culture Grants: \$5,000

UMass Boston Survey Project: \$13,300

Total: \$37,026



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The commission voted to pass a budget allocation of \$37,026.

Commissioner Tuyet makes a motion to Vote. Commissioner Karen Chen seconds.

Yes: Tuyet, Philjay Solar, Meena Bharath, Saatvik Ahluwalia, Christopher Huang, Karen Chen, Jennifer Rubin, Gary Chu

*The motion passes.*

Commissioner Christopher Huang arrives at 6:40 PM.

Commissioner Danielle Kim leaves at 7:30 PM.

**6. Assistant Youth Coordinator. (June 1, 2024 - August 30, 2024) (Sea Kay Leung)**  
**VOTE**

Approval for Assistant Youth Coordinator Sea Kay Leung to be paid \$22/hr, 8hr/week.

Commissioner Tuyet makes a motion to Vote. Commissioner Karen Chen seconds.

Yes: Tuyet, Philjay Solar, Meena Bharath, Saatvik Ahluwalia, Christopher Huang, Karen Chen, Jennifer Rubin, Gary Chu

**7. Grants and Endorsing Projects, Commissioner Goh (next meeting)**

**8. Unity Dinner Update by Chair Meena Bharath**

Unity Dinner Chair Meena Bharath provides an update on the Unity Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, April 20th.

Commissioner Gary Yu joins at 7:45 PM.

**9. Unity Dinner subcommittee chair (VOTE) (next meeting)**

**10. Refugee program discussion. (next meeting)**

**Old News**

**11. Reports**

**12. Finance update**

**13. Sub-committees**

**14. Staff reports**

**15. Future Agenda Items Suggestions**

Commissioner Tuyet Tran motions to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Saatvik Ahluwalia seconds.

Yes: Tuyet Tran, Philjay Solar, Jennifer Rubin, Meena Bharath, Saatvik Ahluwalia, Christopher Huang, Karen Chen, Gary Yu, Gary Chu

*The motion passes.*



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The meeting is adjourned at 7:53 PM.

**16. Next Commission Meeting: May 21, 2024**



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