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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor, Boston MA, 02108

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

Item #1: Accepted November minutes

- Mary Chin and Uyen-Sa Nguyen abstained

Item #2: Introduction of Jenny Chiang as Interim Executive Director

Item #3: See written report submitted by Elisa Choi

- Update on ED transition
- Announced forthcoming quarterly AAC newsletter
- Confirmation of Unity Dinner at BU on May 3, 2018.
- Introduced AACA Lunar New Year collaboration. Mary Chin will abstain from discussion. Elisa Choi will sign disclosure. AAC will help secure a space, bring in elected officials, and facilitate relationship building.

Item #4: Commissioner Appointment update

- Governor re-appointed Uyen-Sa Nguyen to AAC.
- Attorney General has narrowed search to one top candidate.
- Still waiting on re-appointment of Mabel Lam and appointments from Secretary of State and the House Speaker.

Item #5: Unity Dinner updates (Chung, 10 mins)

- Vote to ratify Prahlad KC as co-chair, motion passed.
- Motion to have one keynote speaker – motion passed.
- Committee will approach the keynote speaker choices presented.
- Commission defers emcee decision to UD planning committee from two emcee choices presented.
- Every Commissioner will be responsible for sponsorship opportunities.

Item #6: Commission Election update (5 mins)

- Bylaw review working group met to review timing of elections
- Working group will review time sensitive items in the bylaws to present at next meeting
- Larger bylaw discussion may require longer meeting or retreat
- Proposal to edit Secretary officer position regarding meeting minutes

Item #7: Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each



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PR/Legislation (Evelyn and Loan, Co-Chairs)

- Proposal to amend bylaws to remove "PR" from committee name
- Motion to draft an AAC statement on the DREAM Act and deportations affecting the Massachusetts AAPI community by Committee co-chairs and Executive Committee - motion passed.

Finance/Admin – No updates

Health and Human Services – No updates

Young Leaders Symposium – No updates

Economic Development – No updates

Item #8: Old Business

- Debrief of AAPI Civil Rights Forum – Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Debrief of Advocacy Day – Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Update on Problem Gambling Initiatives - Deferred for subsequent discussion

Item #9: Next Commission Meeting: Every second Wednesday, January 10

Item #10: Community Updates & Meeting adjourned