

Asian American Affairs Commission of Nebraska

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025

5:30 PM CST

Zoom

1. Call to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Suzuki.

- Roll Call. All Commissioners present except Carolina Mapes and Rebecca Jueyezi Reinhardt.
- Commissioners present: Ryo Suzuki, Dr. Deepak Gangahar, Hiep Vu, Dr. Maorong Jiang, Maureen Brase, Weysan Dun, Vickie Sakurada Schaepler, Dr. Joanne Li, Arunkumar Pondicherry, Dr. Yunwoo Nam, Tram Kieu, Carol Wang.
- Dr. Gangahar motion to go into closed session to discuss Executive Board's recommendation for the inaugural Executive Director position. Seconded by Comm. Wang.

2. After discussion, Comm. Sakurada Schaepler motion to exit closed session. Seconded by Comm. Pondicherry.

- Comm. Sakurada Schaepler motion that the Asian American Affairs Commission extend an offer of employment to the selected candidate, Kate Gotsdiner, for the position of Executive Director, with an annual salary of \$95,003, in accordance with the provisions set forth in LBI 300A. This motion is contingent upon the candidate's acceptance and completion of all applicable employment requirements as governed

by state regulations and commission policies. Seconded by Comm. Pondicherry.

- Roll call vote. Yes: Ryo Suzuki, Dr. Deepak Gangahar, Hiep Vu, Dr. Maorong Jiang, Maureen Brase, Weysan Dun, Vickie Sakurada Schaepler, Dr. Joanne Li, Arunkumar Pondicherry, Dr. Yunwoo Nam, Tram Kieu, Carol Wang. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
- Comm. Sakurada Schaepler motion to adjourn meeting at 6:02 PM. Seconded by Comm. Kieu.