

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON ASIAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AGENDA

Location:	Lincoln Asian Community & Cultural Center
Address:	144 N. 44 th Street, Ste A Lincoln, NE 68503
Date:	June 30, 2026
Time:	3p-5p

AGENDA DETAILS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call
- b. Statement of Compliance with Nebraska Open Meeting Act
 - i. Open Meeting Act posted in the room

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Open floor for public comments
 - i. Limit to three (3) minutes per speaker

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes*
 - i. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting

IV. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR CAAAN

- i. Chairperson
- ii. Vice Chairperson
- iii. Secretary
- iv. Treasurer
- v. Member at Large

Important note: Time commitment for Executive Officers is one meeting per month up to an hour plus increased email communications with Director.

There are no responsibilities for Executive Officers in the Policies and Procedures but we will be following Robert's Rules of Order. The Chairperson will run the quarterly Commission meetings and ensure we are keeping to the agenda. When the Chair is unavailable, the Vice Chair will lead the meetings.

V. CAAAN FINAL THREE LOGO DESIGNS*

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Upcoming events and deadlines

VIII. COMMISSIONER UPDATES *LIMITING TO 3 MINUTES PER COMM DUE TO TIME*

- a. Updates from Commissioner's business and mtgs

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing remarks
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Note: A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act will be available at the meeting location in compliance with state law

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NE Commission of Asian American Affairs
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2026
Creighton University

Meeting called to order at 3:06PM

Roll Call with a quorum of Commissioners present: Maureen Brase, Dr. Deepak Gangahar, Dr. Maorong Jiang, Tram Kieu, Dr. Yunwoo Nam, Rebecca Reinhardt, Vickie Schaepler, Ryo Suzuki, Carol Wang
Absent: Weyan Dun, Dr. Joanne Li, Carolina Mapes, Arunkumar Pondicherry, Hiep Vu
Public Attendees: Lorraine Chang
Open Meeting Act read into the record

Motion to approve minutes from the February meeting made by Carol Wang, seconded by Dr. Maorong Jiang.

Roll Call with all present in favor: Maureen Brase, Dr. Deepak Gangahar, Dr. Maorong Jiang, Tram Kieu, Dr. Yunwoo Nam, Rebecca Reinhardt, Vickie Schaepler, Ryo Suzuki, Carol Wang

Dr. Gangahar introduced concept to have eight subcommittees based on the eight sections of statute that the Commission is focused on. Discussion had regarding the need to have a strategic plan in place first before establishing the eight subcommittees.

Committee recessed at 4:00pm.

It was moved by Maorong Jiang seconded by Vickie Schaepler to return to session after recess at 4:07PM

Ryo Suzuki entertained a motion to have a strategic committee to help Kate Gotsdiner plan the strategic planning process.

Deepak Gangahar moved to establish a committee to plan the strategic planning session, second by Ryo Suzuki.

Vote:

Vicki Schaepler yes
Deepak Gangahar yes
Rebecca Reinhardt yes
Tram Kieu yes
Yunwoo Nam yes
Maorong Jiang yes
Ryo Suzuki yes
Carol Wang yes
Maureen Brase yes

The Commissioners engaged in a discussion about a logo. It was narrowed down to three concepts that Tram Kieu will refine.

Financial Report: Ryo Suzuki explained the financials of the Commission using the journal entries. Overall budget is \$297,917. The budget program total allowance: \$95,905. \$202,012.00 can be utilized for personnel.

Commission Rebecca Reinhardt previewed the AAPI Heritage Celebration on May 2nd. Discussion of whether any Commissioners can attend. If Kate cannot speak, Tram Kieu can speak for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Maureen Brase says tomorrow from 10am-evening there will be a Global Roots Festival in Grand Island.

Commissioner Vickie Schaepler reported that June 6th in Scottsbluff there is a display of Japanese quilts from 1995, along with a panel presentation about the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

If you know of events, please send to Kate and Hillary so it can be loaded to the calendar on the website.

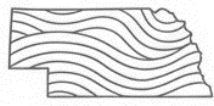
Omaha Central Library, Sunday May 17th the Taiko drummers will be performing

Saturday, June 27th there is an event in Scottsbluff featuring the Taiko drummers.

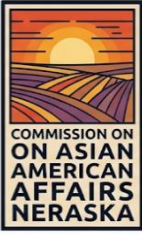
Commissioner Jiang thanked the Commissioners for the support for the Creighton Asian Cultural Center.

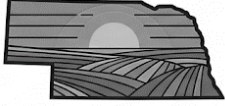
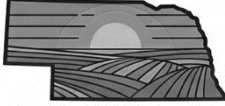
The meeting adjourned at 4:49PM

JUNE 2026 MOCKUPS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Contacted Mission Matters to get estimate on pricing to use them as the third party to help with the strategic planning

Strategic Planning Committee: *If anyone else is interested in the Strategic Planning Committee please let me know*

Weysan Dun

Tram Kieu

Yunwoo Nam

Vickie Schaepler

Ryo Suzuki

Carol Wang

Meetings:

- Jerad Jelinek and Gail Witzik – State Accounting Office
- Department of Corrections
 - Informational meeting – only 43 self identified Asian inmates, 7 Pacific Islanders, and 75 “other”
 - Wondering what support and tools inmates would need to succeed
 - Reentry efforts
 - They have phone and voice interpreter services but potential for in-person translators for parole hearings, etc
 - No Asian cultural “clubs” exist
 - Have had requests for Bibles in other languages such as Korean
- Ann Linneman – State Budget Division
- Chen Huang – Omaha Business/Entrepreneur
 - Looking to see how we can partner as she is looking to create an Asian American space in Omaha
- Mallika Madduri – Omaha Sanatan Kendra
- Carol Wang - Commissioner
- Vickie Schaepler - Commissioner
- Tram Kieu - Commissioner
- Judi Gaishkibos – ED of Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs