

**NE Commission of Asian American Affairs
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2026
Lincoln Asian Community & Cultural Center**

Meeting called to order at 3:01PM

Roll Call with a quorum of Commissioners present: Maureen Brase, Weysan Dun, Tram Kieu, Arunkumar Pondicherry, Rebecca Reinhardt, Vickie Schaepler, Ryo Suzuki, Hiep Vu, Carol Wang
Absent: Dr. Deepak Gangahar, Dr. Maorong Jiang, Dr. Joanne Li, Carolina Mapes

Open Meeting Act read into the record

Sheila from LACCC shared a bit about the history and the mission of LACCC. Founded in 1992 by local leaders, they have five main programs to serve the community and are moving to a new building on 22nd and W which is better positioned for the needs of the community they serve.

Motion to approve minutes from the February meeting made by Vickie Schaepler, seconded by Carol Wang.

Roll Call with all present in favor: Maureen Brase, Weysan Dun, Tram Kieu, Arunkumar Pondicherry, Rebecca Reinhardt, Vickie Schaepler, Ryo Suzuki, Hiep Vu, Carol Wang

Election of Executive Board Officers and established that the Executive Board shall meet once a month via video conference for no longer than an hour.

Four of the previous Executive Board Officers were willing to stay on for the next two years as there was only one other person who was interested in serving on the Executive Board. In reviewing the guidelines during the discussion for the Executive Board Officers, only those Commissioners present could be included in the election of officers. Unfortunately, one Commissioner was nominated via email but neither the nominee nor the nominator were able to attend to the meeting and therefore he was unable to be part of those Commissioners who were chosen for the Executive Board.

Ryo Suzuki nominated by Carol Wang and seconded by Weysan Dun

Weysan Dun nominated by Arunkumar Pondicherry and seconded by Ryo Suzuki

Tram Kieu nominated by Maureen Brase and seconded by Ryo Suzuki

Arunkumar Pondicherry nominated by Maureen Brase and seconded by Vickie Schaepler

Vickie Schaepler nominated by Carol Wang and seconded by Tram Kieu

Votes done by secret ballot with the five Commissioners who were nominated as the new Executive Board Officers chosen by unanimous vote. Next were the nominations and votes for the officer positions.

Chairperson – Arunkumar Pondicherry

Vice Chairperson – Tram Kieu

Secretary – Vickie Schaepler

Member at Large – Ryo Suzuki

Member at Large Weysan Dun

Nominations for officer positions done by secret ballot with the above being voted in unanimously.

Following the Executive Board Officer votes, the Strategic Planning Subcommittee was discussed and established with the following Commissioners serving on the subcommittee:

Maureen Brase

Weysan Dun

Tram Kieu

Yunwoo Nam

Vickie Schaepler

Ryo Suzuki

Carol Wang

A request for proposal will be sent out by the end of the first week of July and be open for two weeks to get bids from different companies for CAAAN to contract with to create the strategic plan.

Finally, the CAAAN logo was discussed with the final three designs being chosen to be sent to OCIO web development team's graphic designer for final drafts and to be chosen at the next quarterly Commissioner meeting.

Next Quarterly Commissioner Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th from 3p – 5p but location is not yet determined.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02PM