



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

Pralhad KC

Vice Chairperson

Mary K.Y. Lee

Treasurer

Chung Liu

Secretary

Anil Saigal

Jonjy Ananth

Meenakshi Bharath

Vira Douangmany Cage

Bora Chiemruom

Mary Chin

Gilbert Ho*

Vanna Howard*

Nate Bae Kupel

Mabel Lam

Wingkay Leung

Nina Liang

Dimple Rana*

Philjay Solar

Ying Wang

Executive Director

Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place

12th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

www.aacommission.org

Meeting Minutes

Emergency Meeting, Wed, September 30, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
HI Boston Hostel, 19 Stuart St, Boston, MA 02116, USA

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

Conduct executive session pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(1): To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual specifically current officers on the Executive Committee.

Call of attendance:

Present in person (6): Vira Douangmany Cage, Bora Chiemruom, Nate Bae Kupel, Philjay Solar, Nina Liang, Mabel Lam

Present in person staff: Jessica Wong (Administrative Coordinator)

Present remotely (3): Vanna Howard, Gilbert Ho, Dimple Rana

Absent (9): Jonjy Ananth, Meenakshi Bharath, Mary Chin, Pralhad KC, Mary Lee, Wingkay Leung, Chung Liu, Anil Saigal, Ying Wang

Action 1 - Establish quorum

Nina calls to establish quorum. Quorum is established. In the absence of the Chair not being present, Vira will lead the meeting.

Bora motions to enter into executive session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual specifically current officers on the Executive Committee

Vira motions for roll call to vote in executive session.

Meeting enters into executive session. Admin Coordinator steps out of the room

8:31pm: Vira states we are officially in open session



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson
Pralhad KC

Vice Chairperson
Mary K.Y. Lee

Treasurer
Chung Liu

Secretary
Anil Saigal

Jonjy Ananth
Meenakshi Bharath
Vira Douangmany Cage
Bora Chiemruom
Mary Chin
Gilbert Ho*
Vanna Howard*
Nate Bae Kupel
Mabel Lam
Wingkay Leung
Nina Liang
Dimple Rana*
Philjay Solar
Ying Wang

Executive Director
Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place
12th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
www.aacommission.org

Action 2 - Affirm present AC shall not have to reapply for full-time position taken during July 20, 2019 meeting

Bora motions to affirm the present AC shall not have to reapply. Position is intact Philjay any debate. Gil needs someone doing day to day work while Jenny is gone. Vira states that entire commission was not made aware that there was a proposal to convert AC back to part-time status

Philjay moves to close debate. Nina seconds.

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes
Bora Chiemruom - Yes
Nate Bae Kupel - Yes
Philjay Solar - Yes
Nina Liang - Yes
Mabel Lam - Yes
Vanna Howard - Yes
Gilbert Ho - Yes
Dimple Rana - Yes

Motion passes.

Action 3 - Vote of no confidence on current Executive Committee

Nina motions to take a vote of no confidence on entire EC including the two that resigned.

Nina amends motion to add "ensure the work of the commission does not continue to be impeded" at the end of the motion

Gil mentions that the commission must keep running with good operations and it will benefit the entire commission to function appropriately. Bora moves to close debate. Mabel seconds

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes
Bora Chiemruom - Yes
Nate Bae Kupel - Yes
Philjay Solar - Yes
Nina Liang - Yes
Mabel Lam - Yes
Vanna Howard - Yes
Gilbert Ho - Yes
Dimple Rana - Yes



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

Pralhad KC

Vice Chairperson

Mary K. Y. Lee

Treasurer

Chung Liu

Secretary

Anil Saigal

Jonjy Ananth

Meenakshi Bharath

Vira Douangmany Cage

Bora Chiemruom

Mary Chin

Gilbert Ho*

Vanna Howard*

Nate Bae Kupel

Mabel Lam

Wingkay Leung

Nina Liang

Dimple Rana*

Philjay Solar

Ying Wang

Executive Director

Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place

12th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

www.aacommission.org

Action 3: Recall current Vice Chair and Secretary

Mabel motions to recall VC and Secretary to remove from their officer positions. Philjay seconds.

Vira opens for debate. No debate. Vira moves to call vote.

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes

Bora Chiemruom - Yes

Nate Bae Kupel - Yes

Philjay Solar - Yes

Nina Liang - Yes

Mabel Lam - Yes

Vanna Howard - Yes

Gilbert Ho - Yes

Dimple Rana - Yes

Action 4: Issue formal invitation to hold-over Commissioners

Bora motions to officially issue a formal invitation hold-over commissioners with legal recommendation from Sarah Kim that they may return to the duties as commissioners. Mabel seconds.

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes

Bora Chiemruom - Yes

Nate Bae Kupel - Yes

Philjay Solar - Yes

Nina Liang - Yes

Mabel Lam - Yes

Vanna Howard - Yes

Dimple Rana - Yes

Gil abstains.

Action 5 - Elect temporary Executive committee

Nina motions to elect temporary Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer tonight until the next regularly election in December. Bora seconds.

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes

Bora Chiemruom - Yes

Nate Bae Kupel - Yes

Philjay Solar - Yes



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson

Pralhad KC

Vice Chairperson

Mary K. Y. Lee

Treasurer

Chung Liu

Secretary

Anil Saigal

Jonjy Ananth

Meenakshi Bharath

Vira Douangmany Cage

Bora Chiemruom

Mary Chin

Gilbert Ho*

Vanna Howard*

Nate Bae Kupel

Mabel Lam

Wingkay Leung

Nina Liang

Dimple Rana*

Philjay Solar

Ying Wang

Executive Director

Jenny Chiang

One Ashburton Place

12th Floor

Boston, MA 02108

www.aacommission.org

Nina Liang - Yes
Mabel Lam - Yes
Gilbert Ho - Yes
Dimple Rana - Yes

Vote excludes Vanna. Call dropped.

Nate nominates Vira as Chair
Gil nominates Mabel as Treasurer
Bora nominates Philjay as Secretary

Nina - any discussions on slate. No debate

Vira Douangmany Cage - Yes
Bora Chiemruom - Yes
Nate Bae Kupel - Yes
Philjay Solar - Yes
Nina Liang - Yes
Mabel Lam - Yes
Vanna Howard - Yes
Gilbert Ho - Yes
Dimple Rana - Yes

Bora motions to adjourn. Nina seconds. Vira moves to close meeting. Motion passes unanimously