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Dr. David Yee, MD, MPH

Gene Kim, JD-MBA

**Islander American Affairs Full Commission
Meeting**

Date: August 22, 2025

Time: 1:00-4:00 PM (PST)

Address: 925 L St Suite 325 Sacramento, CA 95814

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91259338486?pwd=bdoUueoPbuU6d2lqOn0ezHwS4QWhG2.1>

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Executive Director Alam

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AGENDA

- Item I
- I. Welcome and Call to Order- Chair Paguio
 - II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum- Secretary Toma
 - III. Opening Remarks- Chair Paguio
- Item II
- IV. Action Item- Approval May 2025 Meeting Minutes
- Public Comment
- 1:20-1:50PM
- V. Informational Presentation- Stop AAPI Hate Report: The State of Anti-AA/PI Hate in California- Annie Lee, Managing Director of Policy, + Stephanie Chan, Director of Data & Research, AAPI Equity Alliance
- Public Comment
- 1:50-2:50PM
- VI. Committee Updates
- Executive Committee
 - Action Item- Committee Restructure Proposal
 - Action Item- CAPIAA 25/26 Budget Approval
 - Health Equity Committee
 - Higher Education Equity Committee
 - Economic Equity Committee
- Public Comment
- 2:50-3:50PM
- VII. Executive Director Updates- Director
 - Action Item- Presentation Annual Report Contest Submissions Review
 - Action Item- [Assembly Bill](#) Presentation
- Public Comment
- 3:50-3:55PM
- VIII. Commissioners Comment- Items Not on the Agenda
- 4:00PM
- IX. Adjourn



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Commissioner Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Chair Jason Paguio	X	
Vice Chair Kirin Macapugay	X	
Secretary Lance Toma	X	
Rajan Gill	X – 1:32pm	
Tahra Goraya	X	
Johanna Hester	X	
Theodore Kim		X
Diann Kitamura	X	
Helen Lee	X	
Jason Tam	X	
Taunu'u Ve'e	X	
David Yee	X – 1:24pm	
Gene Kim	X	



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Staff Attendance:

Executive Director Alam, Executive Director
Yee Xiong, Manager of Communications & External Affairs
Joseph Saragoza, Marketing & Digital Strategist
Raynelle Paraoan, Admin & Fiscal Specialist
Emma Anderson, Executive Assistant
Paige Tengeluk, Outreach and Event Coordinator
Gabriel Young, Graduate Student Assistant

AGENDA

Items

I. Welcome and Call to Order- Chair Paguio

- Meeting started at 1:03pm PDT

II. Roll Call and Establish Quorum- Secretary Toma

III. Opening Remarks- Chair Paguio

- **Commissioner Comments**
 - Chair Paguio welcomed Gene Kim. Commissioner Gene Kim made brief remarks.
- **Public Comments:** No public comment.

IV. ACTION ITEM- Approval May 2025 Meeting Minutes

- **Public Comments:** No public comment.
- **Motion:** Motion to Approve by Commissioner Kitamura and seconded by Commissioner Tam. MOTION PASSED.



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- **Vote Table**

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chair Jason Paguio	X			
Vice Chair Kirin Macapugay	X			
Secretary Lance Toma	X			
Rajan Gill				X
Tahra Goraya	X			
Johanna Hester	X			
Theodore Kim				X
Diann Kitamura	X			
Helen Lee	X			
Jason Tam	X			
Taunu'u Ve'e	X			
David Yee				X
Gene Kim			X	

V. Informational Presentation- Stop AAPI Hate Report: The State of Anti-AA/PI Hate in California – Annie Lee, Managing Director of Policy + Stephanie Chan, Director of Data & Research, AAPI Equity Alliance

- Annie Lee, Stephanie Chan, and Jessica Kong from API Equity Alliance shared their findings in the following [PowerPoint](#).
- **Commissioner Comments**
 - Commissioners thanked the presenters verbally and in the chat regarding the valuable information that was shared and look forward to future collaborations. The Stop the Hate work will persist regardless of pandemic ending. Commissioners interested in conversations on bills that address AAPI Stop the Hate.
- **Public Comments**
 - In response to the public comment question around the data on who is committing these hate crimes, the following links were shared by AAPI Equity Alliance:



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- National State of Anti-AA/PI Hate in 2024 report:
<https://stopaapihate.org/2025/06/02/state-of-hate-june25/>
- State of Anti-AA/PI Hate in California report:
<https://stopaapihate.org/2025/07/17/state-of-hate-ca-july25/>
- South Asian report:
<https://stopaapihate.org/2024/10/09/south-asian-report-oct24/>
- Bracing for Impact Under The Trump Administration report:
<https://stopaapihate.org/2025/04/24/bracing-for-impact/>
- Data request form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdo6a4iYFjo7-woJOUsfnWonzE5ZS8hliWw6-cbuWZuRIoL1g/viewform>
- Where to report hate: <https://stopaapihate.org/report-hate/>

VI. Committee Updates

Executive Committee

- ACTION ITEM- Committee Restructure Proposal
 - **Commissioner Comments**
 - Chair Paguio gave an overview of the process of proposed committees.
 - **[In chat]:**
 - Commissioner Kim appreciated the thoughtful approach to the committee selection process based on the Commission's strengths and background
 - Commissioner Kitamura:
<https://youthempowerment.ca.gov/>
 - Commissioner Yee:
<https://youthempowerment.ca.gov/>
 - **Public Comments**
 - The public asked if they could serve on any of the committees. The standing committees consists of only commissioners.
 - **Motion:** After robust discussion from Commissioners, Commissioner Kitamura made a motion to approve the creation of the following [committees](#) and the selection process with two-year terms. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goraya. MOTION PASSED.



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Theodore Kim				X
Diann Kitamura	X			
Helen Lee	X			
Jason Tam	X			
Taunu'u Ve'e	X			
David Yee	X			
Gene Kim	X			

- ACTION ITEM- CAPIAA 25/26 Budget Approval
 - **Commissioner Comments**
 - Chair Paguio asked Executive Director to present the budget. Executive Director Alam presented the budget to the Commissioners for approval.



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2025-2026 CAPIAA Budget Report



FY 25-26 SUMMARY GENERAL FUND	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE
Personnel	\$931,000	\$972,277
Operating Expenditures & Equipment	\$403,000	\$358,586
Reimbursement	\$375,000	\$375,000
Total for Fiscal Year 25-26	\$1,334,000	\$1,330,863

FY 25-26 HIGHER EDUCATION FUND	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURE
Higher Education Grants Multi-Year Reappropriation	\$1,191,000	\$400,000
Reimbursement	\$0	\$0
Total for Fiscal Year 25-26	\$1,191,000	\$400,000

- **Public Comments:** No Public Comment.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Toma made a motion to approve the following budget. Vice Chair Macapugay seconded. MOTION PASSED.



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Rajan Gill	X			
Tahra Goraya	X			
Johanna Hester	X			
Theodore Kim				X
Diann Kitamura	X			
Helen Lee	X			
Jason Tam	X			
Taunu'u Ve'e	X			
David Yee	X			
Gene Kim (need to move row above)	X			

- INFORMATIONAL ITEM- Commissioner Onboarding Process
 - **Commissioner Comments**
 - Commissioner Toma shared commissioner onboarding process and documents and shared number of requirements in compliance with the state that have been shared by staff. Commissioner Toma to ensure all Commissioners are in compliance with the state. Commissioner Toma stated that he would follow-up with Commissioners on what is needed.
 - **Public Comments:** No Public Comment



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- INFORMATIONAL ITEM- Response to Letter of Support Requests
 - **Commissioner Comments**
 - Vice Chair Macapugay shared requests the Commission has received from AAPI leaders to support. She also shared that community members have sought support from the Commissioners. Commissioners mentioned the idea of working on the process of getting everything in place to review pieces of legislation.
 - Vice Chair Macapugay motioned we develop an ad-hoc committee in the meantime to respond to legislative requests. Because this was an informational item, direction was given to Executive Director to work with Vice Chair Macapugay to work on draft.
 - Commissioner Kitamura stated that this is not agendized, but we can give direction to Executive Director to work with Vice Chair Macapugay to develop draft policies.
 - **Public Comments:** No Public Comment
 - **Motion:** Vice Chair Macapugay put forth a motion to develop ad hoc committee to make sure Commissioners and staff have time to respond. Commissioner Johanna Hester seconded.

Health Equity Committee

- **Commissioner Comments:**
 - Secretary Toma and Commissioner Ve'e gave updates on the 3rd Pacific Islander Listening Session scheduled for October 21, 2025, in San Francisco, CA.
 - Commissioners shared updates on Language Access and Data bill. They shared updated from the AANHPI Health Equity Steering on accessing healthcare education and mental health that the coalition is working on [Assembly Bill 1242 \(Nguyen\)](#).
- **Public Comments:** No Public Comment.

Higher Education Equity Committee

- **Commissioner Comments**
 - Commissioners Macapugay and Gill shared updates on the Higher Education Committee Advisory Body and the first meeting that took place on August 1, 2025.
 - Commissioner Macapugay provided updates on work with CSU and Student Achievement Program (SAP).



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- **Public Comments:**

- Lamar Heystek mentioned that the leadership of the commission and the Executive Director is greatly needed at this time. She thanked and appreciated the leadership.
- In the public comment, this link was shared.
 - Lamar Heystek ASIAN Inc.:
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-07-08/la-me-hispanic-service-colleges> (behind a paywall)

Economic Equity Committee

- **Commissioner Comments**

- Chair Paguio gave updates on October 10th Economic Policy Summit in the agenda. Link was shared in chat.

- **Public Comments:** No Public Comment.

VII. Executive Director Updates- Director Khydeeja Alam

- ACTION ITEM- Presentation Annual Report Contest Submissions Review

- **Commissioner Comments**

- Executive Director Alam reviewed the top five submissions of the Annual Report Contest Submissions with the Commissioners. The winner will receive a prize of \$1,000. After much discussion, the polls showed that [submission #2](#) was the winning submission.

- **Public Comments:**

- Public discussed the submission designs in the chat.

- **Poll conducted via Zoom.**

- ACTION ITEM- [Assembly Bill 1400 \(Soria\)](#) Presentation

- **Commissioner Comments**

- Executive Director Alam provided an overview of AB 1400, authored by Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria. Commissioners discussed data surrounding this issue.

- **Public Comments**

- Public comments in the chat shared information on the Governor's message on this bill. Links including the bill language were shared in the chat.



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- **Motion:** Motion to table action item made by Commissioner Gill and seconded by Commissioner Hester. MOTION PASSED.
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Johanna Hester	X			
Theodore Kim				X
Diann Kitamura	X			
Helen Lee	X			
Jason Tam				X
Taunu'u Ve'e	X			
David Yee	X			
Gene Kim	X			

VIII. Commissioners Comment- Items Not on the Agenda

- **Commissioner Comments**
 - Commissioners shared which dates in December work best for a Full Commission Meeting.
 - Executive Director Alam thanked the work of her staff and shared a farewell message to her Executive Assistant, Emma Anderson. In the chat, Commissioners congratulated and thanked Emma.
 - Executive Director Alam shared information on the upcoming events from the AAPI Economic Policy Summit to community listening sessions. Announced potential dates for December Full Commission Meeting.
- **Public Comments:** No Public Comment.

IX. Adjourned 4:07pm by Chair Paguio.



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