



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
San Wong, Director

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

IOWA COMMISSION ON ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

Date: Thursday, February, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Conference Call via Google Meet, Public Access Provided

Commissioners Present

Ben Jung- Chair - West Des Moines; James Suong- Des Moines, Suresh Basnet - Cedar Rapids, Karlai Thornburg - Ames, Michelle Yoshimura-Smith Des Moines, Ritu Gurung - Davenport
Peggy La - Sioux City

DHR/CAS/API STAFF:

Monica Stone, CAS Division Director/DHR Deputy Director
Trevy Augustin, Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs/CAS

Guest Attendance: None

Call to Order

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 5:33pm. Quorum was established.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Meeting agenda was reviewed. **Motion by Suong, seconded by Yoshimura-Smith. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.**

Past Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 10/09/21 meeting were reviewed. **Motion by Jung, seconded by Suong to approve the minutes of 10/09/21 meeting. Unanimous consent. Motion carried.**

Publish Strategic Direction & Initiatives

Strategic Direction:

- Commissioners discussed focusing on two core areas:
 - Education and Workforce Development
 - Healthcare
- Commissioners will vote and publish the Strategic Plan after Augustin shares the final draft.

Initiatives:

- To counter incidents and narratives of Anti-Asian sentiments, commission to celebrate and highlight API Iowans through video interviews and stories, and programming like “Library People”
- Continue to support and promote events like Sioux City Asian Fest 05/14, and CelebrAsian 5/27-28

Adjournment

Motion by La, seconded by Yoshimura-Smith. Unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.