



*Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs*  
*Tuesday, December 6, 2022*  
*6 to 8 p.m.*

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Attendance:** **Yes**

**Hung-bin Ding – Chair**

May Chan Anderson – Member

Mitsuhiro “Micky” Saito Choi – Member

George P. Dang – Member

Dottie Tiejun Li – Member

Chau Nguyen – Member

Mie Mie Strickler – Member

Chiling Tong – Member

Bethsaida Amigable-Wong – Member

Lili Zhang – Member

**Vacant – Vice Chair**

Hyunsook Choi – Member

Elizabeth L. Chung – Member

Hyun S. Helen Han – Member

Robert Manankil – Member

Mi Schill – Member

Meki To’alepai – Member

Edward Wan – Member

Bob Zhang – Member

**GOCI Staff:**

Christina Poy – Administrative Director of APA Affairs Commission, GOCI

Cheryl Madigan – Project Coordinator for the Ethnic Commissions, GOCI

Maureen Regan – Communications Director, GCO

**Guests:** Melissa Tyson

**I. Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**

**Chair Hung-bin Ding**, called meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

**II. Announcements from the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives**

**Director Christina Poy** made the following announcements:

- ❖ Congratulated Hung-bin Ding in his promotion to Chair of the commission.
- ❖ Commissioner Ken Baik resigned as of 12/5/22.
- ❖ GOCI’s Chief of Staff Winston Wilkinson retired 11/30/22.
- ❖ GOCI’s Interfaith Base Director Jennifer Gray will be resigning at the end of December.
- ❖ Congratulations to Governor-elect Moore and Lt. Governor-elect Miller. Their administration will start on January 18, 2023. She stated that commissioner seats are appointed seats by the Governor, and they can be vacated at the Governor’s pleasure. We all serve at the Pleasure of the Governor. It will be up to the Governor-elect and his new administration on how the Commission will continue, whether the seats that are currently expired, but were extended by Governor Hogan, will be vacated or not. The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives provided detailed information about the organization of the Ethnic Commissions.

They provided all the associated Executive, Orders, Bylaws, Commission Related Initiatives and Events on what the Commission has done. They also were provided the Roster of Commissioners, which includes the expiration dates of their seats. Director Poy plans to stay on through the transition and Executive Director Steve McAdams will stay on through January 18, 2023.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Elizabeth Chung** informed everyone if they want to continue to serve on the commission, they can go onto the Governor’s Elect website and express your interest. She stated that she wants to continue to serve. **Commissioner Beth Wong** stated her concerns about the commission not having influence in changing policy and implementation. She did express good work from Elizabeth Chung, Bob Zhang and Dottie Li. As of this time, she doesn’t see any traction in terms of making our community to serve better in any administration.

**III: Motions: Approval of Minutes:**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vote	
Approval of the Minutes for the 09-13-2022 Meeting	Elizabeth Chung	Beth Wong	12Y-0N-0A	

**IV: Communications Announcements: N/A**

**V: Commissioner Events:**

**Commissioner Dotti Li** announced for **Commissioner Chiling Tong’s** event that will be held in Washington, DC on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The name of the event is Jingle & Mingle for the DMV-AAPI Business Community Reception. There are a few more tickets available.

**Director Christina Poy** announced for the South Asian American Affairs Commission - The North East India community of USA is celebrating the North East India Festival in Washington DC on Sunday, December 11, 2022 starting from 5:00 p.m., at the Ronald Reagan International Building & Trade Center.

**VI: Commissioner Business**

**Guest Melissa Tyson** from the State Department said she will be presenting at one of upcoming meetings concerning Federal Employment and Public Service.

**Commissioner Elizabeth Chung** inquired about the posting of the Annual Report. Director Christina Poy stated that she submitted 2019, but COVID hit, and the report was submitted to communications, but it was never published.

**Project Coordinator Cheryl Madigan** states the year 2020 is when the COVID pandemic started, and it carried through into 2022. In 2021, commission meetings started being held via Zoom and in person events were very limited. The current year 2022 is not due to be posted until 2023.

**Chairman Hung-bin Ding** asked that the upcoming annual report be completed as soon as possible, and if it could be done by the end of the Hogan administration.

**Commissioner Beth Wong** asked if it would be possible to have a gathering with Governor Hogan and First Lady Hogan before the end of the administration and Director Poy responded that there could be a Lunar New Year event before January 18<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Wong also inquired about the special funds and if this was reported to the new administration and if the monies could be used for any events. Director Poy replied “Yes” and that the monies are airmarked for business conferences or seminars. Also, Commissioner Wong suggested having a reception with the General Assembly, Public and the Commission. She asked Cheryl Madigan to inquire about the availability with the Banneker Douglass Museum for the venue around the last week of January or first week of February. Cheryl will check this out when she receives more concrete information from Commissioner Wong. This event would only be organized Asian Pacific American Affairs and South Asian American Affairs commissioners for their communities.

**Commissioner Dottie Li** brought up Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2023 – She would like everyone to start thinking about the planning of it and she suggested having a business conference.

**Commissioner Mi Schill** suggested that the commission have a get together before January 18th. Commissioner Wong suggested having a happy hour or meet and greet. This could be an ongoing thing and could start in Howard County. Director Poy stated this would not be commission related due to the Open Meetings Act and it should be a non-commission gathering. Chair Ding will leave the planning up to commissioners Mi Schill, Dottie Li and Beth Wong.

**IX. Public Announcements – N/A**

**X. Closing – N/A**

**XI. Meeting Adjourned**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Adjourn: 7:16 p.m.</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Beth Wong</b>		<b>Hyunsook Choi</b>	<b>11Y-0N-0A</b>	