



Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs

Tuesday, December 7, 2022
6 to 8 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Commission Attendance: **Yes**

Chanhok Jasdip "Jesse" Singh, **Chair**
Arthur Pavan Bezwada, Member
Anjana Bordoloi, Member
Arundhotee Goswami, Member
Upendra Gupta, Member
Gurpreet K. Kaur, Member
Mayur Mody, Member
Darshan S. Saluja, M.D., Member
Kanishk Sharma, Member
Harshid Shah

Sajid "CJ" Tarar, **Vice Chair**
Nipika Borah, Member
Sharad Doshi, Member
Mohan L. Grover, Member
Shyam D. Karki, Member
Ram Mohan Konda, Member
Sonal Patel, Member
Rana J. Shaikh, Member
Baljinder (Shammi) Singh

Guests: N/A

GOCI Staff:

Christina Poy – Administrative Director of SAA Affairs Commission, GOCI
Maureen Regan – Director of Communications, GOCI
Kevin Craft – Administrative Director of AAA and MEAA Commissions, GOCI
Cheryl Madigan – Project Coordinator for the Ethnic Commissions, GOCI

I. Call to Order at 6:22 p.m.

Jesse Singh, Chair - Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs

II. Request Motion for the Approval of the Minutes:

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Approval of the Minutes for 06-01-22	Mohan Grover	Darshan Saluja, M.D.	13 to 0 (those in Attendance) Abstain: 0

Request Motion for the Approval of the Minutes:

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Approval of the Minutes for 09-07-22	Gurpreet Kaur	Arthur Pavan Bezwada	13 to 0 (those in Attendance) Abstain: 0

III. Welcoming Remarks:

Director Christina Poy announced the following:

- ❖ Commissioners Kawaliit “Keat” Bhutani and Ishani Chowdhury were removed from the Commission due to attendance.
- ❖ Chief of Staff Winston Wilkinson has retired.
- ❖ Director Jennifer Gray of the Interfaith Outreach last day will be 12/31/22.
- ❖ Congratulations to the new Governor Moore and Lt. Governor 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 then 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. Chairman Jesse Singh confirmed that everybody will stay as commissioners until their term is over or unless as directed by the new Governor and his team. Chairman Singh expressed his gratitude towards the Commission, Christina, Steve and Kevin on how wonderful everyone was in bringing the community together and always being there for each other.

IV. Communication Announcements: N/A

V. Commissioner Events Check-In:

Commissioner Anjana Bordoloi – See the following information for her event. The North East India community of USA is celebrating the North East India Festival in Washington DC on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – Onward at the Ronald Reagan International Building & Trade Center. Please register ASAP. For any questions, please contact 443-370-2972 and 469-450-3801.

VI. Commissioner Business:

Commissioner Mohan Grover – He had a chat with Anne Arundel County Executive concerning the Crownsville complex. There plans are to clean up this facility. To improve and restore all the buildings and take all the contamination

out and make it as green as possible. They have taken over the facility next to the Naval Academy, where there is some contamination. With the help of the State, Federal and Anne Arundel County governments, they're going to clean up all these properties. This will give people a better place to live. The State, Federal and A. A. Co. government is also helping to address the flooding between his building and the fire department. Commissioner Grover wanted to welcome and invite everyone at any time to his Temple at 2764 Solomon's Island Road in Edgewater, Maryland.

Commissioner Pavan Bezwada called for a formal thank you for the Governor, First Lady and GOCI.

VII. Public Announcements: N/A

VIII. Closing:

Chairman Jesse Singh and Commissioners wished everyone happy holidays.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion	1st	2nd	Vote	Adjourn: 6:44 pm
Adjourned	Darshan Saluja, M.D.	Mohan Grover	13Y-0N-0A	