



## Asian Affairs Commission

Special Meeting | July 25, 2025, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm  
BOK Tower at One Williams Center | Lobby Conference Room

### Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Sarah Gilpin, Masood Kasim, Athan Lau, Hieu Lê, Sofia Noshay, Yasamin Nawabi, Cecilia Nguyen, Bee Paredes, Parisa Pilehvar, Anna Thao

Commissioners Absent: Meg Chang, Ha Huynh, Vivian Wang, Yi Zhang

#### I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Gilpin called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

#### II. Refocus on 2025 Goal: Leadership Development

- a. Chairwoman Gilpin noted that it's ok to say no if an opportunity if it doesn't align with AAC's 2025 goal of leadership development. Can't be involved in everything, don't want to stretch too thin.
  - i. In that vein, Commissioner Nguyen shared she is considering moving from monthly to quarterly newsletter. There is still a need for a monthly communication, so need to determine how to navigate.
    - 1. Commissioner Noshay: Conversation from Title V Commission Retreat about partnerships and not duplicating work. There are other weekly or monthly newsletters that we can leverage.
- b. Vice Chair Pilehvar offered some guiding questions for the discussion:
  - i. How will this event/project recruit new leaders or develop current leaders with new skills/connections?
  - ii. How do we produce insight, learning, or resources that will benefit our community?
  - iii. How is the work I'm doing benefitting segments of our community who need it most?
- c. Chairwoman Gilpin: AAC has made so much progress in less than two years because of every commissioner, extremely resourceful.
- d. Chairwoman Gilpin welcomed two new commissioners, Sofia Noshay and Yasamin Nawabi. Commissioners each introduced themselves and shared their reason for serving on the commission.

#### III. Committee Calls for Action

- a. Workforce and Education: Luminary Awards Nominations Open
  - i. Commissioner Kasim shared that the Asian Affairs Luminary Awards nominations are open.



1. Have a great flyer to help promote. It was posted on Resilient Tulsa Facebook Page.
2. Need to rework community letter to clarify that tickets for luncheon is \$50.
3. At \$2,500 for sponsorships. Goal is \$10k to cover event costs and also raise money for scholarships which will be awarded in spring 2026.
  - a. Discussion ensued of what sponsorship and ticket sales are going to.
  - b. Each honoree will be given three free tickets: one for themselves and two for guests.
- ii. Commissioner Noshay: Do we have mentorship opportunities to pair with the scholarship?

**IV. Breakout Sessions for Committees: Discuss Current Initiatives and Align with 2025 AAC Goal**

- a. Committee conversations took place after the meeting adjourned, as the meeting's end time was approaching and commissioners were not meeting in a quorum.

**V. Announcements / Public Comments – none**

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Chairwoman Gilpin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
  - i. Commissioner Lau made a motion, Commissioner Kasim seconded.
    1. Aye: 10
- b. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.