



Asian Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting | June 2, 2026 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm
City Hall at One Technology Center | Room 411

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Meg Chang, Masood Kasim, Hieu Lê, Yasamin Nawabi, Cecilia Nguyễn, Cing Nuam, Parisa Pilehvar, Anna Thao, Vivian Wang

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Gilpin, Ha Huynh, Bee Paredes

I. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair Pilehvar called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Vice Chair Pilehvar entertained a motion to approve May meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Nguyễn made a motion, Commissioner Thao seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, May minutes approved.

III. Vice Chair Report

- a. Human Rights Commission Liaison Role Preview
 - i. Vice Chair Pilehvar has been serving as AAC's liaison on the Human Rights Commission (HRC), which is a separate appointment. Since she is stepping into the Chair role, she is opening the opportunity for another Asian Affairs Commissioner to serve as liaison.
 - ii. HRC has membership from all other Title V Commissions and at large members. Ensure the City of Tulsa maintains commitment to human rights.
 - 1. Currently working to make the human rights complaints process more accessible and increasing diverse representations on the Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.
 - iii. June HRC meeting is on June 15.
- b. Title V and Beyond Apology Commissions Retreat
 - i. No AAC meeting in July, but Retreat is July 24 from 8:30 – 2:30.
- c. Pending the officer slate vote next on the agenda, the incoming leadership team would like to connect with each commissioner to hear how they are doing and help drive the next chapter for AAC.
- d. Vice Chair Pilehvar shared appreciation for Sofia Noshay and Yi Zhang, who have stepped down from AAC.

IV. Action: Vote on 2026 Officer Slate

- a. 2026 Officer Slate:



- i. Chair – Parisa Pilehvar
 - ii. Vice Chair - Cecilia Nguyễn
 - iii. Workforce and Education Chair – Masood Kasim
 - iv. Data and Research Chair – Parisa Pilehvar
 - v. Cultural Hubs and Community Advocacy Chair – Cecilia Nguyễn
 - vi. Cultural Event Chair – vacant
- b. Vice Chair Pilehvar entertained a motion to elect the 2026 Officer Slate.
- i. Commissioner Thao made a motion, Commissioner Kasim seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, 2026 Officer Slate elected.
- c. Vice Chair Pilehvar reflected on the unique moment that AAC is in and her excitement for what's ahead.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Cultural Hubs and Community Advocacy
- i. Commissioner Nguyễn highlighted wins for the committee since she assumed the role as committee chair.
 - 1. Tabled at 10 events
 - 2. 115 people joined the listserv, 263 people total
 - ii. Hosted two sessions for the Leadership Roundtable: orientation and leadership and cultural identity session
 - 1. Next session on July 30 about data and research
- b. Workforce and Education
- i. Commissioner Kasim reported the committee is prioritizing sustainability, community engagement, and alignment with City policies in their work.
 - ii. Working to bring guest speakers to AAC meetings.
 - iii. Vice Chair Pilehvar offered to help with special editions of Stories of Asian Tulsans by highlighting business owner or educator stories.
 - iv. Commissioner Chang added that there are many Asian artists.
- c. Data and Research
- i. Vice Chair Pilehvar noted that AAC's current data one pager does not include multi-racial Asians or multi-racial Pacific Islanders. She is working to update the flyer to include those groups to have a more accurate portrayal of the AANHPI Tulsans.
 - ii. Looking into how to highlight geographic distribution of the AANHPI community.
 - iii. Awaiting the 2025 Equality Indicators Report to see update on two indicators: business ownership by race and chronic absenteeism by race. In both cases, for the 2018 baseline report, the Asian demographic was



the most advantaged group; however, over time Asian outcomes have decreased.

d. Cultural Event

- i. Vice Chair Pilehvar reminded commissioners that AAC voted to strategically pause Tulsa Asia Fest and there is no chair for this committee.
- ii. AAC's leadership team will work to learn more about options and what it will take to bring back a cultural event.

VI. Old Business – no old business

VII. New Business – no new business

VIII. Announcements / Public Comments

a. Public Comments

- i. Athan Lau, Tulsa Asian Collective (TAC): TAC's mission is to strengthen diverse Asian communities through culture and connection, creative collaboration, and community development. Hosted the first TAC Community Picnic, which 200 people attended.
- b. Commissioner Kasim introduced guests he invited to the meeting.
- c. Commissioner Kasim mentioned that business owners will sometimes reach out to AAC and there is a need to develop how to recognize and support them.
- d. Empower Ed Summer Academy June 8 – July 17: free for students and covers literacy, math, community leader speakers, field trips, and meals.
- e. Commissioner Lê spoke about the importance of language access.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Vice Chair Pilehvar entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Thao made a motion, Commissioner Kasim seconded.
 1. Aye: 9
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.