

Virginia Asian Advisory Board Meeting

August 15, 2025

Fairfax County Government Center

Attending In-person: Srilekha Palle, Xiawei Lin, Tian Olson, Dokmai Webster, My Lan Tran, Henry Yuanx, Mel Ghani, Tony Yeh, Justin

Online: Goutam Gandhi, Minesh Patel, Srini Bayrieddy, Mansoor Qureshi, Go Eun Kng, Quan Schneider

Absent: Shakira Khan, Felipe Cabacoy, Dr. Kamlesh Dave, Harshad Barot, Angelo Reyes

3:05 PM Welcome remarks, Srilekha

Approved today's agenda. No quorum, cannot approve minutes. No edit to minutes. October meeting will be virtual, and we can approve minutes then.

Congratulated Henry, Mansoor and Quan for re-appointment, introduced Yuyan Zhou as a new appointee.

Recognized members who contributed to the last business committee event.

Remind the members that our activities are shared responsibilities, and we need to help whoever is leading upcoming events, and promote the events.

3:14 PM Business Committee Chair report, Mel

Business forum was successful

Planning the next event at Virginia Beach

Lesson learned - downsize panel, more time for attendee engagement

Business community needs to continue to provide opportunities and engagement with the AAPI community

Need to collect feedback from the business community on challenges, Goutam

October meeting will be the last meeting of the year. Goutam to invite guest speakers.

Maybe we do a survey on the AAPI business community and get feedback on challenges.

3:25 PM Education Committee Chair report, Tian

Planning of the AAPI Organizations Fair

Foreign-trained teachers' licence reciprocity issue

3:36 PM Civic Engagement Committee report, Mansoor

Interviewed VAAB members, posted on social media

Promote messages from the Government on social media

Supported local business openings

Interviewed Kelly Gee and made a video for social media

Organized an event on career counseling

Joined multiple events in a personal capacity

Srilekha - ensure that if engagements with communities are conducted in the capacity of a VAAB member, VAAB needs to know, Emma can post it on our website, and promotion of VAAB needs to be a part of it.

Dokmai - need to have an established process for members to engage with communities.

3:50 PM Health Committee Chair report, Srilekha

Partner with UVA, VCU to pursue data on AAPI community health data

Partner with Philipiano Nurse Association

4:15 PM Committee breakout:

Focus should be on policy proposal, issue identification, and important information to be delivered to Governor. Re the annual report, be more solution-based.

Justin - reach out to state officials and learn from them about their priorities.

My Lan - need funding to support some of our proposed work.

4:56 PM November 7 next board meeting, 3-5 PM

5:01 PM Closing Remarks, Adjournment - Srilekha