



**ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2024**

The Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission convened in a Regular meeting on March 19, 2024, at 301 W. 2nd St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Huang called the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Hanna Huang, Chair
Satyajeet Dodia
Pierre Nguyen
Seonhye “Sonny” Sin

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Sarah Chen, Vice Chair
Padmini Jambulapati
Anna Lan
Sabrina Sha
Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan
Nayer Sikder
Luan Tran
Lily Trieu

Commissioners Absent:

Mohsin Lari
Kuo Yang

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission on February 20, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2024, were approved on Commissioner Nguyen's motion, Vice Chair Chen's second on an 11-0 vote. Commissioner Tran was off the dais. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion of a 2024 Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month proclamation.
Discussed. Commissioner Sha offered to work on a proclamation.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Approve the creation of a working group on food security.
The motion to approve the creation of a working group on food security was approved on Commissioner Sin's motion, Commissioner Nguyen's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

Commissioners Jambulapati, Sha, and Sin were added to the working group without objection.

4. Approve the creation of a working group related to a GraduAsian graduation event.
The motion to approve the creation of a GraduAsian graduation event working group was approved on Commissioner Nguyen's motion, Commissioner Sha's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

Chair Huang, Commissioner Nguyen, and Commissioner Sha were added to the working group without objection.

5. Select an Asian American Quality of Life Advisory Commission member to represent the Commission to support the development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process.
The motion to select Commissioner Lan to represent the Commission to support the development and implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive engagement process was approved on Chair Huang's motion, Commissioner Lan's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

Action was taken on Item 6 but was later reconsidered.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

16. Update from the Budget Working Group on potential FY25 Budget recommendations
Chair Huang and Vice Chair Chen provided an update.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

7. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Customer and Front Desk Support.

The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Customer and Front Desk Support was approved on Commissioner Dodia's motion, Vice Chair Chen's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

8. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Senior Program Language Access.

The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Senior Program Language Access was approved on Commissioner Nguyen's motion, Vice Chair Chen's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

9. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Signature Programs.

Withdrawn.

10. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for an Equity Office Data Analyst Associate position.

The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for an Equity Office Data Analyst Associate position was approved on Vice Chair Chen's motion, Commissioner Sin's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES CONTINUED

18. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee on a presentation from American Gateways.
Commissioner Sin provided an update.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

11. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Austin Public Health Immigrant Legal Services.

A motion to approve the recommendation with the following amendment was made by Commissioner Dodia and seconded by Commissioner Shakur Jamal-Hassan.

The amendment was to add the following after the second sentence of the second paragraph of the Description section of the recommendation:

"Currently, we are aware that American Gateways does not have sufficient resources to serve those needing immigrant legal services and has a waitlist."

The amendment was also to revise the Recommendation section to read as follows:

"Ongoing funding of \$700,000 is recommended to continue services currently being provided along with a suggested \$150,000 increase to meet community legal needs from the closure of nonprofits serving refugees in our community."

The recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Austin Public Health Immigrant Legal Services was approved as amended on Commissioner Dodia's motion, Commissioner Shakur Jamal-Hassan's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

12. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Austin Public Health Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Mental Health.
A motion to approve the recommendation with the following amendment was made by Commissioner Dodia and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen.

The amendment was to revise the Recommendation section to read as follows:

**“Ongoing \$150,000 for AAPI Mental & Behavioral Health Direct Services
One-time \$20,000 funding to support administrative maintenance, directory expansion, and client matching for an Asian Behavioral Health Network”**

The recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Austin Public Health Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Mental Health was approved as amended on Commissioner Dodia's motion, Commissioner Nguyen's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

13. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Austin Public Health Social Services Case Management.
The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Austin Public Health Social Services Case Management was approved on Commissioner Sin's motion, Vice Chair Chen's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.
14. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Community Health Navigators.
The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget related to Community Health Navigators was approved on Commissioner Dodia's motion, Commissioner Shakur Jamal-Hassan's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.
15. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for the We All Belong Austin Against Hate Campaign.
The motion to approve the recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for the We All Belong Austin Against Hate Campaign was approved on Commissioner Nguyen's motion, Commissioner Sin's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Lari and Yang were absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES CONTINUED

17. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee on a presentation from the Austin Transit Partnership regarding Austin Light Rail.
Commissioner Sin provided an update.

19. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee on a recommendation on Transparent Hiring in Executive Leadership.
Commissioner Sin provided an update that the recommendation was approved by the Joint Inclusion Committee.
20. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee on a recommendation Calling for a Ceasefire in the Middle East and a recommendation on Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Arab Sentiments in the City of Austin and promoting a peaceful resolution for all.
Commissioner Sin provided an update that the recommendations were approved by the Joint Inclusion Committee.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

6. Update the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) working group membership.
Commissioner Lan removed herself from the working group without objection.

Commissioner Tran was added to the working group without objection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Huang and Commissioner Sin requested a presentation from staff on the We All Belong Austin Against Hate Campaign.

Chair Huang adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the April 16, 2024, meeting on Commission Sin's motion, Commissioner Nguyen's second on a 10-0 vote. Vice Chair Chen, Commissioner Lan, and Commissioner Shakur Jamal-Hassan were off the dais. Commissioner Lari was absent.