



## Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs SPS II

*Tuesday, March 24, 2026  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

### Meeting Minutes

Commission Attendance: **Present**      **Absent**

<b>Yang Yu (Chair)</b>	<b>Brian Gerardo, Member</b>
<b>Roxanne Yamashita (Vice Chair)</b>	<b>Larry La, Member</b>
<b>Isabelle, Balakit, Member</b>	<b>Alanna Lee, Member</b>
<b>Tim Chng, Member</b>	<b>Ping Lu, Member</b>
<b>Young Smith, Member</b>	<b>Thai Nguyen, Member</b>
<b>Siu Cheung Rossmark, Member</b>	<b>Jessie Su, Member</b>
<b>Amy Chung Fry, Member</b>	<b>Lili Zhang, Member</b>

#### GOCI Staff:

Christina Poy – Administrative Director of APA Affairs Commission, GOCI  
Lisa Woodfolk – Assistant Operation Coordinator – GOCI

#### I. Call to Order

- Chair Yang Yu at 6:04 p.m.

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - First Motion: Commissioner Siu Cheung Rossmark
  - Second Motion: Commissioner Thai Nguyen
  - Discussion: None
  - Votes: Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0

#### III. Adoption of the Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes.
  - First Motion: Commissioner Siu Cheung Rossmark
  - Second Motion: Ping Lu
  - Discussion: None
  - Votes: Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0

#### IV. Comments

- Administrative Director Christina Poy

## **V. Discussion of Bylaws**

- Motion to approve the bylaws drafted with edits that were discussed and noted in the chat.
  - First Motion: Commissioner Siu Cheung Rossmark
  - Second Motion: Vice Chair Roxanne Yamashita
  - Discussion: None
  - Votes: Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0

## **VI. Review of Commission Strategic Goals**

## **VII. Meeting Etiquette and Respectful Engagement with the Public**

## **VIII. Looking Ahead: 2026 and Beyond**

## **IX. Public Announcement**

## **X. Closing**

## **XI. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn.
  - First Motion: Commissioner Isabelle Balakit
  - Second Motion: Commissioner Thai Nguyen
  - Discussion: None
  - Votes: Yes – 12; No – 0; Abstain – 0

Quick recap

The Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs held its second strategic planning session to review and approve new bylaws. The commissioners discussed and made edits to the proposed bylaws, including clarifying language around public member participation. They approved the revised bylaws with a majority vote. The meeting also included a brief review of accomplishments from the past year, including the successful Asian American Business Conference and Youth Fellow Program. Commissioners discussed strategic priorities for 2026, identifying themes around elevating youth voices, supporting Marylanders' health and success, and collaboration with community organizations. The session concluded with an announcement about a potential donation of 1,000 clocks from the Caribbean Affairs Commission Chair Luis McSween for potential community distribution.

Next steps

- All Commissioners: Send messages of appreciation to the Youth Fellows before their term ends on April 30th (as requested by Isabelle).
- Commissioners: If you have suggestions or needs for distribution of the 1,000 donated clocks, inform Chair Yu.
- Commission leadership (Yu/Christina/Lisa): Translate and share the identified strategic priorities into actionable initiatives, timelines, and measurable outcomes for 2026 and beyond, to be discussed in upcoming commission meetings.

Key strategic priorities identified included elevating youth voices, supporting Marylanders' health and well-being, and addressing emerging issues like immigration law changes and food insecurity.