



Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission Meeting

Virtual ZOOM

December 2, 2025

Commission Attendance: Yes No

Dr. Yang Yu, Chair
Roxanne Yamashita, Vice Chair
Isabelle Balakit, Member
Siu Cheung Rossmark, Member
Tim Chng, Member
Amy Fry, Member
Brian Gerardo, Member

Larry La, Member
Alanna Lee, Member
Ping Lu, Member
Thai Nguyen, Member
Young Smith, Member
Jessie Su, Member
Lili Zhang, Member

- Cecilia Vergara, Member – Resigned as of 12/2/25.

GOCI Staff:

Christina Poy – Administrative Director, Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission

Lisa Woodfolk – Administrative Assistant for the Ethnic Commissions

- I. Call Order and Procedural Reminders at 6:07 p.m.

The Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs meeting was called to order by Chair Yang Yu, who welcomed attendees and provided administrative reminders about the meeting protocols (being present and following Robert's Rules of Order). After confirmation of the quorum, the agenda was adopted and minutes from the previous meeting (December 2, 2025) were approved.

II. Adoption of the agenda.

1 st	2 nd	Vote	Motion Passed
Isabelle Balakit	Ping Lu	12-Y, 0-N, 0-A	YES

III. Adoption of the agenda.

1 st	2 nd	Vote	Motion Passed
Brian Gerardo	Siu Cheung Rossmark	12-Y, 0-N, 0-A	YES

IV. Opening Remarks

Christina Poy, Administrative Director, Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

- AD Christina Poy provided her director's report, highlighting the participation of the commissioners at 26 events, her own attendance at 21 meetings and 20 events, as representatives of the GCAPAA since the last commission meeting on September 23, 2025. She encouraged continued representation at community events and reminded commissioners to complete the GOCI Event Request Form before attending events and to record their actual on the Commissioner Events spreadsheet after the event.

V. Presentation

President Jiang Xu of the Coordination Council of Chinese American Associations (CCCAA).

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VI. Commissioner Events Check-In

1) Chair Yu reflected on GCAPAA's initiatives accomplished in 2025 to meet the vision, mission, and values set by the Commission. These highlighted programs and events include the Youth Fellows Program, the Legislative Breakfast, the Lunar New Year Celebration, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and the Asian American Business Conference.

2) Commissioner Isabelle Balakit attended four events to date and plan on attending the Chinese Youth Program on December 21, 2025, totaling five events.

3) Commissioner Ping Lu shared her delegation trip abroad in China with Montgomery County Executive. She encouraged the commissioners to do the same by developing connections abroad to help bring business back to Maryland and to support immigrant businesses here.

VII. Commissioner Business

a. Old Business and Committee Reports:

- i. Business/Economic Development (Lili Zhang) – Commissioner Zhang reported: The committee did not meet, but plan on meeting mid-December

2025.

- ii. Community (Tim Chng) – Commissioner Chng mentioned two potential commission-related Lunar New Year events (1. Request placed for Governor’s House in Annapolis and 2. A separate commission-organized community event at either Walter’s Art Museum or at the MGM Grand with NAAAP Baltimore). Next planning meeting scheduled on 12/15.
 - iii. Education (social workforce development) (Isabelle Balakit) – Commissioner Isabelle Balakit reported that the Youth Fellows are working on collecting data for AAPI by county. They are researching AAPI voter registration, income, health, and language access. They will also be involved with the upcoming Lunar New Year event as emcees, volunteers, and photographers.
 - iv. Health (Brian Gerardo) – Commissioner Gerardo reported about the meeting held on October 20, 2025, with the focus to move from our visioning to more structured planning. A highlight to the Youth Fellows took many of the critical roles, that was necessary for planning. Currently preparing 2026 scheduling.
 - v. Legislative (Young Smith) – Commissioner Smith reported that the Legislative Committee had their first meeting on October 22, 2025. They want to align with the governor’s priorities rather than pursue a separate legislative agenda.
 - vi. Art Competition (Roxanne Yamashita) – Vice Chair Yamashita provided update on the Sandy Spring venue on May 13-20, 2026.
- b. New Business
- i. Community Challenges:
 - 1. Commissioner Isabelle Balakit connected with two Filipino associations, with one that wants to set up a resource center for the Filipino community in Montgomery County.

VIII. Public Announcements

- a. Commissioner Ping Lu would like to know the 2026 schedule for APAA Commissioner Meetings.
- b. Commissioner Isabelle Balakit and Commissioner Tim Chng reported free concerts at The Peabody Center and Constitutional Hall for the holidays.

IX. Adjournment

1st	2nd	Vote	Motion Passed
Siu Cheung Rossmark	Young Smith	12-Y, 0-N, 0-A	YES