



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

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## Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Office of the State Treasurer**

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. 2012 Unity Dinner, Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Keynote Honoree: Nitin Nohria, Dean of Harvard Business School  
Co-Chair: Vinit Nijhawan, Managing Director of BU's Technology Development  
Co-Chair: Om Ganda, Senior Physician at Joslin Diabetes Center  
Co-Chair: Francis Chin, Immigration Attorney
3. Attendance (more information on separate sheet)  
Discussion on updating the bylaws to allow flexibility in reaching quorum.  
Discussion on OML allowing remote participation.
4. Initiatives  
Resource Fair – Chinatown festival in June and Lowell Water festival in August.  
Young Leader Symposium  
Healthcare ideas for 2013?
5. New business  
Old Business – Commissioner manual is now online
6. Next Commission meeting: **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Office of the State Treasurer**

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**Upcoming Events**, visit [www.8centric.org](http://www.8centric.org) for a full schedule

Korean American Citizens League of NE  
Saturday, 14 April 2012 6:00pm  
Political Intern Fundraising Dinner Event

ACDC Asian Community Development Corporation  
Thursday, 12 April 2012 06:00pm - 09:00pm  
25th Gala

WGBH-TV/Radio  
Thursday, 03 May 2012 06:00pm  
WGBH's APA Heritage Month Celebration

BCNC Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center  
Tuesday, 15 May 2012 5:30 - 7:30pm  
Governor Patrick visits Chinatown

## **Bylaws (pg.9)**

### **Quorum:**

A majority of the Commissioners currently holding office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Commission business.

### **Attendance:**

All Commissioners are expected to maintain regular attendance at meetings of the full Commission, and to participate fully and effectively in such committees as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the business of the Commission. The Secretary of the Commission shall retain an attendance record at each Commission meeting.

### **Telecommunication attendance:**

The majority of Commissioners holding office may allow Commission members to attend a meeting or executive session through the use of any in person telecommunication medium, including but not limited to telephone, Internet or wireless device. Meeting conducted in this matter shall constitute a meeting, attendance and quorum under the by-laws and all voting and other member privileges apply.

## **Open Meeting Law 940 CMR 29.10: Remote Participation**

### **(4) Minimum Requirements for Remote Participation.**

- (a) Members of a public body who participate remotely and all persons present at the meeting location shall be clearly audible to each other;
- (b) A quorum of the body, including the chair or, in the chair's absence, the person authorized to chair the meeting, shall be physically present at the meeting location, as required by M.G.L. c. 30A, sec 20(d);
- (c) Members of public bodies who participate remotely may vote and shall not be deemed absent for the purposes of M.G.L. c. 39, sec. 23D.

(5) Permissible Reasons for Remote Participation. If remote participation has been adopted in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10(2), a member of a public body shall be permitted to participate remotely in a meeting, in accordance with the procedures described in 940 CMR 29.10(7), if the chair or, in the chair's absence, the person chairing the meeting, determines that one or more of the following factors makes the member's physical attendance unreasonably difficult:

- (a) Personal illness;
- (b) Personal disability;
- (c) Emergency;
- (d) Military service; or
- (e) Geographic distance.



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## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Office of the State Treasurer

Absent Commissioners are **highlighted** on left.

1. Review of minutes from last meeting
  - Geoffrey Why accepted the minutes, Kay Dong seconded.
2. Vote required to satisfy MOU with the Treasury.  
Details of the appointment of the Executive Director?  
Which members of the Commission will oversee the ED's activities and timesheet?
  - The Treasury assists with paying the Executive Director's salary. The MOU requires that there are members of the Commission who can oversee the activities and time tracking of the Executive Director.
  - Sophy Theam motioned, Jennifer Cao seconded to approve that the members of the Executive Committee are to be responsible for the Executive Director to satisfy the MOU with the Treasury.
3. 2012 Unity Dinner, Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Keynote Honoree: Nitin Nohria, Dean of Harvard Business School  
Co-Chair: Vinit Nijhawan, Ganda, Senior, & Francis Chin
  - Dr. Om Ganda has volunteered to be a Co-chair. He secured a \$2.5k bronze sponsor is looking into additional pharmaceutical sponsors.
  - Not having a 501(c)3 status makes getting sponsorship more difficult. Using marketing expenditure is something sponsors have done in the past.
4. 2012 Initiatives  
Young Leader Symposium  
Resource Fair – June/Aug Chinatown festival and Aug/Sept Lowell Water festival.
  - Chris Chanyasulkit has spoken with the MBTA and Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs about possible partnerships.
  - The Lowell Water Festival is on Saturday, Aug 18th.
5. Discussion with Taro O'Sullivan, Executive Director of MAP for Health, a Massachusetts, Asian, South Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community-based organization that works for fairness, equality and inclusion for these communities in health care planning, disease prevention, primary care access, and service delivery.  
  
O'Sullivan was the Executive Director of the Oregon's Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. We will have an open discussion on his work with the Commission.
  - There is interest in getting Asian American (AA) health professionals to work together, how do we do that?
  - AAs have the lowest screening rate of breast and cervical cancer.
6. New business  
Old Business – Commissioner manual online by end of the week.