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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 16th, 2012

Boston University - George Sherman Union

1. Discussion to amend the bylaws to lower quorum from majority to one-third.
Vote to lower quorum.
2. Next Commission meeting: **Tuesday, June 12th One Ashburton Place, 21st Fl**

Upcoming Events, visit www.8centric.org for a full schedule

CPA Chinese Progressive Association
Friday, 18 May 2012 05:00pm
35th Anniversary Banquet

AACA Asian American Civic Association
Friday, 18 May 2012 05:00pm
Annual Gala

QARI Quincy Asian Resources, Inc.
Friday, 18 May 2012 06:30pm - 10:00pm
5th Annual Community Banquet

GBCGAC Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center
Wednesday, 23 May 2012 06:00pm - 09:00pm
40th Anniversary Banquet

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.

Bylaws (pg.9)

Quorum:

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

Amend the above sentence to:

Quorum:

One-third of the Commissioners currently holding office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Commission business.