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## Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

One Ashburton Place 21<sup>st</sup> Floor

1. Accept 03/19/2013 meeting minutes.
2. Commissioner engagement  
Advisory committee update
3. Executive Director report
4. 2013 Unity Dinner – Tuesday, May 14
5. Subcommittee updates.  
Admin / Finance  
PR / Legislation  
Program - Unity Dinner  
Program - Young Leaders Symposium  
Program - Healthcare  
Program - Economic Development
6. Old business  
New Business
7. Next Commission meeting: Unity Dinner 5/14

Upcoming Events – a master calendar can be found on [8centric.org](http://8centric.org)

AARW Asian American Resource Workshop  
Sat 4/27 Annual Dessert Tasting Fundraiser

Immigrant Learning Center  
Wed 5/8 Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

ACDC Asian Community Development Corporation  
Fri 5/10 Gourmet Dimsum Breakfast

VHPA Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America  
Sat 5/11 Hindu Heritage Day Fair

Fri 5/17 AAPI Mental Health Forum



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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.

Remote Participants are indicated by an asterisk\*.

1. Accept 02/24/2013 meeting minutes.
  - Gilbert Ho motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Jennifer Cao. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Compliance (Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest, etc.)  
State ethics training
  - There will be more compliance work with the 501(c)3 status. The Admin/Finance subcommittee will need to be more diligent.
  - We may consider inviting someone to give us a training. The Commission is the only agency for Asian Americans and one incident could put us in jeopardy.
3. Commissioner engagement  
Advisory committee (bringing in outside individuals)
  - Commissioners can identify outside supporters to be a member of the advisory committee. It can be a way to retain past Commissioners and future candidates.
  - Grace asked that Gilbert Ho and Ken Fong take the lead in how this committee could operate.
4. Executive Director reports  
Meetings with other agencies  
Outreach efforts
  - Ken An and Jason met with the Senate President staff. It went well and our one ask is to have the Senate President attend our events.
  - Grace Lee and Jason met with Julian Tynes, Chair of the MA Commission against Discrimination. We talked about attending their "Train the Trainer" program and other ways to be involve.
5. 2013 Unity Dinner – Tuesday, May 14  
Honorees / Speakers  
Get list of potential sponsors from each Commissioner for consultant to work on.
  - The Honorees are Joslin's AADI, Asian Mental Health, ATASK, Lowell Metta Health, and South Cove.
  - The CO-Chairs are Dr. Carl Isihara & Dr. Om Ganda.
6. Old business  
New Business
  - If you have any confusion about your terms, please speak with Jason directly.