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Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs
PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2010
5:00-6:30 PM
Oregon Education Association
6900 SW Atlanta Street.
Portland, Oregon 97223

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

III. Introductions and Check Ins

A. Present: Chair Liani Reeves; Vice Chair David Kong; Commissioners Khalid Wahab, Roveeda Ahmed, Simeon Mamaril and Carol Suzuki (by phone); OAC Administrator Daniel Rodriguez.

B. Not Present: Commissioners Bill Chin, Teresa Ferrer, Patrick Sieng.

IV. Review of Minutes

- A. The September 23, 2009 Public Meeting minutes were approved. (Moved by Mamaril; Seconded by Wahab; Approved by All.)
 - B. The February 28, 2010 Work Session minutes were approved with minor revisions. (Moved by Suzuki; Seconded by Kong; Approved by All.)
- V. Report from Joint Commission Meeting & From OAC Administrator
- A. Information from the Joint Commission meeting was distributed to the commissioners, including the informational memo from Danny Santos, the memo on Department of Justice's roles and rates, new key performance measures of OACO and customer survey and the administrator position description. Commissioners were told to review the position description and get any proposed changes to the description to the OACO by Friday, March 12, 2010.
 - B. OAC Administrator Daniel Rodriguez introduced himself to the commission and discussed a few pending issues, including the end of the year reports that were being asked of all the commissions. They will be scheduling work sessions in June/July to work on these reports. He also discussed the administrator hiring process and the position description. He discussed the issue of the lease for the OACO office and the possibility of a move to Portland.
 - C. Commissioners also discussed joint commission proposals that were raised at the joint commission meeting. The commission discussed the legislative changes proposed by the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the proposed "The Public Safety and Driver Protection Act of 2011." Commissioners discussed the proposal and all present members voted to support the legislation. (Moved by Wahab; Seconded by Mamaril; Approved by All.) Chair Reeves will inform the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
 - D. Commissioners also discussed a proposed joint forum of all the commissions, possibly on how the economic downturn has disproportionately affected minority communities. The commissioners thought this was a good idea and suggested that legislators be pulled into to this type of forum. Without the other commissions discussion, the commission could not do much to move forward. This should be further discussed at the next joint commission meeting.

E. Commissioner Suzuki inquired about the allocation of the joint OACO budget and whether it was still apportioned four ways for each commission. Administrator Rodriguez confirmed that it was. It was suggested that we all review the budget and see whether money could or should be reallocated.

VI. New Business

A. Proposed changes to implementing statute. Commissioners discussed the proposed changes to the OCAA statute as distributed by email by Chair Reeves. The commission voted to move forward with the proposed changes. (Moved by Kong; Seconded by Wahab; Approved by All.) Chair Reeves will work with the OACO and Governor's Office to submit the legislative concept request.

B. Proposed changes to bylaws. Commissioners discussed the proposed changes to the OCAA bylaws as distributed by email by Chair Reeves. The commission decided that since ten days notice was required to amend the bylaws, the commission would do an email vote at least ten days after the commission meeting.

C. Compile list of ongoing administrative tasks (all commissions and ours). This issue was tabled.

D. Governor's Candidate Forum with APANO/CIO – Date set April 29, 2010. The commission voted to support a joint candidate forum with APANO and other community organizations. (Moved by Mamaril; Seconded by Wahab; Approved by All.)

E. Agency public meeting with DOE. An update was given. Commissioner Ferrer had distributed a draft powerpoint presentation by email. She is looking into a date and venue in a Portland Public School. The invitation letter to Superintendent Castillo went out. Waiting for confirmations.

F. 2011 API Legislative Day. The commission voted to participate in a 2011 API legislative day with APANO. (Moved by Wahab; Seconded by Mamaril; Approved by All.)

G. Issue Prioritization. Commissioners discussed the idea of including a needs assessment type survey in the performance measure survey that must be distributed to constituents in the Summer. The commission should work with the other commissions to craft additional questions to obtain needs assessment data back from the community.

H. Fundraising Event. The commission discussed different ideas for fundraising. It was unclear what type of event the commission wanted to go – for example, an expensive banquet that raised money or a celebratory reception that was cheaper to attend but would be more inclusive of the broader community. Commissioners kicked around different ideas and venues (including receptions, “A Taste of Asia” event) but it was decided that a special meeting just to discuss fundraising was needed. Commissioner Wahab suggested that the commission meet for dinner and brainstorm this. He will find a location. Dinner meeting is set for Friday, March 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

I. Statement of professionalism. Commissioner Wahab brought up whether it would be advantageous for the commission to adopt a “statement of professionalism” to govern conduct of business within the commission. He said that he would draft such a statement for the commission to review.

J. Commission Participation/Sponsorship

1. AAYLC 2010 – April 30, 2010. The commission voted to give a \$600 sponsorship to AAYLC. (Moved by Wahab; Seconded by Kong; Approved by All.)
2. AsiaFest – May 15, 2010. The commission expressed concern over spending \$150 to attend AsiaFest and wondered if the expense was worth the investment. Some commissioners felt that the audience was not ideal and that the venue was not in line with the commission’s mission. Others felt it was important to have a presence. It was suggested that the commission try to find another organization to share a table with (such as the APACC or APANO), thereby cutting down the cost to \$75. This was agreeable to all the commissioners. Commissioner Mamaril will look for a partner organization.
3. Chair Reeves introduced the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation Data Collection. Commissioner Wahab expressed interest in the project and asked to be appointed a designee to work on this project.
4. Chair Reeves discussed the Americorp grant brought up by the Commission for Women. The commission agreed that it would be advantageous to try and support and joint the grant project.

Chair Reeves will attend the Commission for Women meeting on March 18, 2010 to find out more about the grant to and convey OCAA's interest in collaborating.

VII. Commissioner and Community Reports

- A. Commissioner Wahab announced that he was working with Carmen Madrid (of Kaiser) to do a video on health care disparities. He will keep us posted.
- B. Commissioner Ahmed said that she had contacted Cynthia Stinson of the Department of Justice Crime Victim Services Division and is putting together some data on domestic violence. It was discussed by all commissioners that it would like to look at partnering with the Commission for Women on some sort of domestic violence project. Different ideas included data gathering, community and direct service provider education, or translation of materials.

VIII. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

IX. Adjournment

The commission meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.