

# Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board

## Monthly Board Meeting 07/10/2023

The board's mission is to embrace, preserve and promote the heritage and contributions of Indian American's while promoting civic engagement and encouraging Indian Americans to increase their involvement in Aurora's

**Date:** 10 July 2023

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** 3770 McCoy Drive

**Conference Dial-in:**

### ATTENDEES

Checked = Attended the meeting

Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nadia Kanhai	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunil Patel
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sukanya Rangarajan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sharon Mani
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Srivani Vokkarane	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaitanya Kovvuri
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nitin Fuldeore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ghousia Wajid
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anu Krishnamurty
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Attendees	Karla Thomas, city liaison	

### CALL TO ORDER

#### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### Last Meeting Follow-up and Public Comments

- Acceptance of Meeting minutes & Agenda
  - May meeting minutes approved by Board members (June meeting was canceled)
  - July Agenda approved by the Board members
- Board membership
  - Secretary position election postponed to next meeting due to possible candidates not being present.
  - Questions were raised about the current/new process for onboarding new board members. Is the Mayor taking an interview of all applicants? Board requested Karla (City

liaison) to provide more details in the next meeting. IACOAB Board preference is to continue with the previously approved process, that is the board would like to interview and recommend candidates name to the mayor office for consideration..

- **June and July events**

- Yoga Day: Fox Valley Mall and Agreed to organize an event on June 25th - Gausia reported on the success of the program. Similar event can be organized more often to continue community engagement
- 4th of July Parade participation : Requested city liaison to include IACOAB board in future 4th of July event communication. Board participation will improve awareness.
- Asian Heritage Month Celebration partnered with City liaison to participate in City's AAPI celebration (May)
- Eid: Ghousia will look for options and define options to celebrate Eid in August. Options will be reviewed in next board meeting

- **August and Sept Event**

- India Independence day: 11am Tuesday, Aug. 15 - IACOAB leadership team participation required. We would like to invite our scholarship recipients
- Fundraising event: Board members suggested organizing an event or gala to re-engage sponsors and Share more about IACOAB upcoming event plan. Board members suggested organizing in the second half of September on Sunday afternoon.
- Roots Aurora - September 1, 2023 (evening hours) as part of the City's First Friday events. Cultural celebration of Aurora's diversity organized by Family Focus. In the past IACOAB has had an information table (need banner) and sponsored mendhi artists.

- **Future Events**

- Diwali Celebration - we have a tentative date and place for event
- Student art exhibit to be scheduled next year. Eola Center was suggested as a possible location for future events

- **Adjournment**

## MOTION AND OTHER PROPOSALS

Proposal	Proposed by:	Seconded by:	Vote
- Meeting Minutes approval			

## **NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA**

Monday, August 14, 2023 (5:30 PM - 6:30 PM)

### AGENDA

- To be published.