Meeting Minutes

June 4th, 2025 | Noon EST
America's Community Council
363 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 300
Troy, MI 48084

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Suzanne Sukkar, Chair
Dr. Adhid Miri
Zane Hatahet
Lina Hourani-Harajli, Treasure
Dr. Najib Hourani
John Daoud, Trustee
Alexandra Nassar
Nabeleh Ghareeb, Secretary
Matthew Jaber Stiffler (virtual)

Officials and Staff: Administrator, CMEAA, Alexander Sahouri; Assistant AG, Civil Rights Office, Tonya Jeter; Manager, OGM, Mika McAskill; Civil Rights Specialist, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Charles Schoder

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Suzanne Sukkar at 12:13 PM ET, roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared.

The Chair thanked America's Community Council for hosting the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On Motion made by Dr. Adhid Miri and Dr. Najib Hourani the Commission approved the meeting agenda of June 4th, 2025 as presented. *Motion carries*

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Suzanne Sukkar recognized Secretary Ghareeb to present the March, Meeting Minutes. Secretary gave time for the Commissioners to review the minutes and then requested a motion to approve the December 5th meeting minutes as presented.

On Motion made Secretary Nabeleh Ghareeb, and seconded by Treasurer Lina Hourani-Harajli, Commission approved the March 4th, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. *Motion carries*

Chair Suzanne Sukkar recognized Treasurer Hourani-Harajli to introduce the Treasurers report:

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Attached is the Treasurer's Report Materials.

On Motion made by Secretary Nabeleh Ghareeb and Seconded by Commissioner Alexandra Nassar, the Commission approved the Treasurers Report as presented. *Motion carries*

Chair Suzanne Sukkar then recognized Commissions Manager Mika McAskill to present the OGM report

V. OGM Report

Attached is the OGM Report

Nabeleh Ghareeb and Mika McAskill shared highlights from an Immigrant Heritage Month "story telling" celebration hosted by the Michigan Immigrant and Refugee Council.

VI. Administrators Report

Attached is the Administrator's report.

VII. Old Business

Chair Suzanne Sukkar introduced the proposed bylaws that better align with the rest of the prosperity commissions.

On Motion made by Secretary Nabeleh Ghareeb and Seconded by Commissioner Alexandra Nassar, the Commission approved the CMEAA Bylaws as presented. *Motion carries*

VIII. New Business

Chair Suzanne Sukkar informed commissioners that the commission had approximately $50,000 to spend at the September meeting and that discussions have been on going during the SIG meetings.

She then recognized Treasurer Lina Hourani-Harajli and Secretary Ghareeb to present the possibility of supporting MENA students at universities by encouraging universities to hire a MENA student liaison. Citing community Listening Sessions, CMEAA has found that MENA

students in universities are experiencing racial intimidation, suppression of speech, and that the universities have been insufficient in addressing these issues. Both Lina and Nabeleh both have connections with Wayne State University and suggest starting there for a pilot program

Chair Suzanne Sukkar then recognized Dr. Najib Hourani, who informed the commissioners about MENA faculty and staff at MSU forming a MENA Faculty and Staff Association at MSU and that they were exploring raising funds for an endowed chair for MENA Studies at MSU.

Chair Suzanne Sukkar encouraged commissioners to attend the SIG meetings to discuss these funding proposals further and that a vote will be held at the September meeting.

IX. Comments from the Public

None.

X. Announcements

Dr. Adhid Miri announced that the Grand Opening of CCF West in West Bloomfield was later in the evening and that if commissioners could attend he could get them on the RSVP list.

He also reminded commissioners that the September meeting would be held there and that a private tour will be offered to the commissioners at that meeting.

Chair Suzanne Sukkar announced that the next meeting would be held on September 3rd, 2025.

XI. Adjournment

On Motion made by Commissioner Alexadra Nassar and seconded by Dr. Adhid Miri, the Commission Adjourned. *Motion carries*

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 PM

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Nabeleh Ghareeb	Suzanne K. Sukkar
Secretary	Chair