

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Unapproved Minutes for April 7, 2010  
 Old Judiciary Room

**Present:** Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Moore**, Commissioner **Washington**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Logan** and Commissioner **Wright**

**Absent:** Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Darity**, and Commissioner **DelGado**

**Staff in Attendance:** Mr. **Cassis** – Executive Director

**Public:** **Bob Brothers**, Executive Director of Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

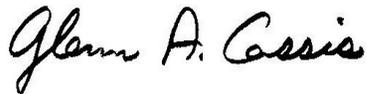
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<b>Meeting called to order</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Commissioner <b>Pierre-Louis</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	8 present 4 absent	Mr. <b>Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comments</b>	Bob Brothers, Executive Director of Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities introduced himself, gave information on CHRO's structure and mission. He discussed legislation that proposes to have affirmative action contracts transferred to DAS. He feels that if moved to DAS the system may die. He asks that we urge legislators to allow the contracts to stay with CHRO. Mr. Cassis discussed AAAC interaction and referrals to CHRO.	
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes for March 3, 2010 reviewed and approved.  Commissioner Logan assumes the chair for the meeting	January Minutes Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded and approved by Commissioner Moore

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<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	Commissioner Wright mentioned no new information to report.	Moved, seconded and approved
<b>Chairperson’s Report</b>	Chairperson distributed and summarized March report.	Moved, seconded and approved
<b>Executive Director’s Report</b>	<p>Reviewed written report sent with meeting package.</p> <p>Executive Director, Glenn Cassis mentioned that AAAC has testified on bills.</p> <p><u>Foster Care Forum</u> has been rescheduled to take place in May.</p> <p><u>KH2GO-CT Grant</u>: Executive Director mentioned the new round of grants are in process, grants will be disbursed in May. Asked if Commissioners are interested in reviewing proposals. Proposals will be reviewed April 12 – 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><u>Gear UP</u>- May 11, 2010 in Bridgeport at the Burroughs Community Center. Guest Speaker, Paul Vandeventer, Author of “Networks that Work”. Forum will bring groups together to work collaboratively. Goal is to develop networking skills and projects, will also try to increase the number of adults with degrees.</p> <p><u>Race to the Top</u> – CT did not receive funding. CT will reapply and AAAC will assist. This forces CT to look at legislation to support education regarding nonperforming schools. Commissioner Pierre-Louis mentioned that CT seems to frown upon Charter Schools. He also discussed public schools being union, which contributes to the problem.</p>	Moved, seconded and approved

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	<p><u>AAAC Website Hits</u> – Mr. Cassis distributed information on stats for January, total hits were 161,000.00. May be due to Black History Month and other AAAC upcoming events and programs. Hits continue to increase.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> - Mr. Cassis mention we are below our goal but still in a good position. Scholarship Awards to students will be \$2,200.00 each. Classic Award invites were distributed to Commissioners. A draft of the Classic Awards program was also distributed for their review. Tina Martin will be Mistress of Ceremonies. PSA's will be distributed to all media.</p> <p>Chairperson Logan thanked the Selection Committee for reviewing the nominations and making the selections. He also asked the Commissioners to contribute to placing a full ad in the journal; all have agreed to do so.</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	None	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><u>Racial Profiling:</u> Executive Director mentioned that AAAC is still receiving information. Commissioner Pierre-Louis says we will need professional help in order to complete the analysis, will take a lot of work.</p> <p><u>RBA:</u> Nothing to report</p>	Moved, seconded and approved
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Commissioner Hugley talked about issues of concern facing the city of New Haven. For example: the new police chief, the closing of Shaws Supermarket (the community's supermarket) and the Freddie Fixer Parade. Says that the creation of committees are being put together to address some of the issues facing the city of New Haven. Chairperson Logan ask that he keep us</p>	Commissioner

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	posted and should an opportunity for the AAAC to participate we will.	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	Foster Care – Tentative Date late May Classic Awards – May 7, 2010	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Adjourned at 7:15 pm</b>	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded and approved by Commissioner Wright.

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Stephanie Moore, AAAC Secretary