

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Approved Minutes for December 3, 2014  
 LOB Room 1B

**Present:** Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Johnson**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Wright**

**Absent:** Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **DelGado**

**On Leave:** Commissioner **Tetty**

**Staff in Attendance:** AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis** and AAAC Legislative Analyst, **Subira Gordon**

**Public:** **Evelyn Richardson, Marina Blocker, Juanita Richardson and Phyllis Airey**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
<b>Meeting called to order</b>	<b>6:06 pm</b> Called to order	Chairman <b>Dr. Fred Pierre-Louis</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	11 Present, 2 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director <b>Glenn Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Evelyn Richardson-</b> She gave an overview about Daughters of Eve. She is the founder of this non-profit. She asked that the commission help her in getting the African American flag raised above to capitol. She has met some resistance in trying to get this done because the African American flag is not a recognized flag of a country.	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of November 5 <sup>th</sup> 2014 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.	Moved by Commissioner <b>Wright</b> , seconded by Commissioner <b>Canterbury</b> <b>Approved</b>
<b>Chair Report</b>	The Chair reported that the executive committee report is a part of the packet.	
<b>E.D. Report</b>	Mr. Cassis stated that his report is a part of the packet. He highlighted that there would be changes in the state board of education on the Social Studies framework. He attended the Amistad Committee meeting and they are still working on a	

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	<p>fundraiser for Free-Town in Sierra Leone with the sister city of New Haven. The money will be used for ambulances to combat the Ebola crisis. There was a great response from the Veterans of Color events that were held around the state. Mr. Cassis also gave an update on the budget. There will be a Nigerian delegation on Thursday at the Capitol. Mr. Cassis yielded the floor to Ms. Gordon who gave an update on the legislative agenda. It was sent out to all the commissioners prior to the meeting.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p>Commissioner Wright gave an update on the Classic Awards. He selected commissioners to be a part of sub-committees.</p> <p>The election results were announced. Officers for 2015 &amp; 2016 are Chairman – Alphonse Wright, Vice Chair – Dr. Dennis Canterbury, Secretary – Donna Campbell and Treasurer – Rosetta Jones Commissioner Ficklin - No update for public relations.</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	Resolution to set the AAAC meeting room schedule for 2015.	<p>Moved by Commissioner <b>Harris</b> Second by Commissioner <b>McBride</b> <b>Approved.</b></p>
<b>Old Business</b>	Leaving pinning of new commissioners to new chair of the Commission.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Subira Gordon told commissioners to email her if they wanted a ticket to attend opening day of the session. Commissioner Canterbury told the commission that Dr. Garcia asked that the AAAC assist Windham County to help get more minorities hired in the county in teaching and in administrative positions.</p> <p>Plans for a holiday dinner were discussed. It was decided that the dinner would be held in February.</p> <p>There was discussion about the AAAC response to the Eric Garner and Michael Brown cases.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	Black Man's Think Tank at Gateway Community College	

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	was moved to Saturday December 6 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 7:50 PM	Moved by Commissioner Harris and Seconded by Commissioner <b>McBride</b> .

Respectfully Submitted Glenn A. Cassis  
 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by Donna E Campbell  
 Donna Campbell, Secretary/Date