

African-American Affairs Commission
Un-Approved Minutes for February 4, 2015
LOB Room 1B

Present: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, Commissioner **Johnson**, Commissioner **Hugley** and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **McBride** and Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

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

Public: Bernard Thomas, Aaron Wilson, Nat Scott and Ainstya Charlton

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:08 pm Called to order	Commissioner Wright
Roll Call	9 Present, 4 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Aaron Wilson from Hartford spoke on an issue concerning how he was treated by a police officer on December 4, 2013 after a motor vehicle accident. He had a hearing at the US Superior Court in Dec. 2014. He filed a complaint with Hartford Police and nothing has been done to with the officer. He did not file with CHRO. His case was nolle prosequied. He was advised to inform the NAACP legal and CHRO. Mr. Wilson feels he was treated badly because of his race.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Minutes for January 7 , 2015 meeting, Executive Dir. Report, Chairman's report Mr. Cassis informed the Commission that an additional \$3,100 was reduced by the Governor. Cuts were made in staff by reducing the hours of new Information Officer by 5 hours a week. The OE account is very low and we may need	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury , seconded by Commissioner DelGado Approved

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	to encumbered expenses by commissioners. Any larger expenses may result in furlough for staff. Corrections were made to the January minutes.	
Chair Report	Chairman Wright asked all committee chairs to submit reports prior to meetings. There were no questions asked of the Chair's written report.	Commissioner Wright
E.D. Report	The Executive Director introduced Earl Bloodworth and his mentioned his activities. Subira Gordon spoke about legislative activities in education (cultural competency, chronic absenteeism, mentoring), labor, housing, second chance initiative, housing mobility counseling, for profit colleges, and about 40 other bills are being watched. Commissioner Hugley asked about transportation issues in urban areas. The AAAC does not have any specific transportation issue on its list of priorities and Mr. Hugley was asked to contact Ms. Gordon to discuss. Mr. Cassis mentioned action taken for appointments to commission and Black History Month on February 18. Several follow-up questions were asked and it was recommended that commissioners receive the tools to track bills.	Executive Director Cassis
Committee Reports	Commissioner Campbell gave the Internal Affairs Committee reported. The April AAAC meeting will be held in New Britain. Meet and Greet to be hosted by the AAAC. on 25 th at the Capitol. Commissioner Johnson reported on the Classic Awards . She has sent material to groups and asked her committee members to contact her if they do not know their assignments. All commissioners were asked to contribute to sponsoring a page.	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	None	

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New Business	<p>Commissioner Campbell mentioned the city of Hartford and the new stadium. Mr. Nat Scott spoke on his opposition to the new stadium in Hartford and his concerns with the lack of restroom facilities on the CT Fast Track.</p> <p>Commissioner Canterbury asked about the Commission's position on free community colleges in CT. Ms. Gordon mentioned there would be as study done on it. He also suggested that Dr. Williams from Harvard be asked to speak on health disparities.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley asked about the measles in CT. It is not an issue in CT because CT has strict laws for vaccination. It was suggested that a link to DPH be put on our website.</p>	
Upcoming Events	Congresswoman Esty will have Black History program in Waterbury on Feb. 6. BPR Caucus reception for Black Ministers.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:51 PM	Moved by Commissioner DelGado and Seconded by Commissioner Canterbury .

Respectfully Submitted



 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by



 Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date