

African-American Affairs Commission
 UnApproved Minutes for February 1, 2012
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

Present: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Thompson**, and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Washington**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn Cassis**

Public: **Dr. Vivian Cross, Patsy Darity, Pat Alston**

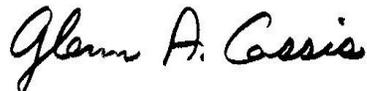
Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	6:00 pm Called to order	Chairperson Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	9 Present and 1 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<p><u>Dr. Vivian Cross</u> - shared a study from Duke University which addressed early childhood environmental lead poisoning. In 2010, 6,144 kids under the age of 6 were exposed to lead in CT. Lead poisoning is linked to academic performance on the CT Mastery Test. Studies shows kids exposed to lead perform low academically. This is a clear link to the achievement gap. CT has the largest achievement gap in the nation and this could be avoided if people complied with the law which is already in place. This is preventable, many kids slip through the system. Black & Hispanic children are excluded from early intervention and early intervention is key.</p> <p>March 7, 2012 there will be an informational legislative forum "A Call to Action to Eliminate a Preventable Contributor to the Achievement Gap: Childhood Lead Poisoning". The conference will be held in the Legislative</p>	

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	Office Building. National figures, states agencies and others will be present to discuss this issue. Dr. Cross is asking for AAAC's support.	
Minutes	January 4, 2012 Minutes approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Canterbury
Treasurer's Report	<u>Treasurer's report</u> – Executive Director, Cassis mentioned that the Consultant fee \$3,500.00 will come from "Management Consulting Services" line item. Funds for the return of Sr. Legislative Analyst, Frank Sykes will come from the PSA account. Because there is a deficit in the budget, all agencies must do a "give back". AAAC will give back \$2,100 which will come from the personnel account. There was a surplus of \$13,800.00, we encumbered \$10,000.00 for our Sr. Legislative Analyst who will be working during session. With the \$2,100.00 removed it leaves \$1,700.00 which must be kept for longevity.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner McBride
Chairperson's Report	<u>Chair Report</u> – Dr. Pierre-Louis said a few words at George Coleman's retirement party. He is also working on his letter to the Governor for the 2011 Annual Report.	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director mentioned College Goal Sunday was a success. More than 600 students attended on Sunday, January 29th. Each site (12) received 50 copies of AAAC's Scholarships & Resource Booklet, produced by AAAC. The guide is a very resourceful document for students and parents.</p> <p>Copies of the final RBA were distributed. Mr. Cassis met with Representative Mike Lawlor from the Judicial Branch of OPM to discuss racial profiling and new legislation. The Bill will be raised by Representative Gary Holder-Winfield this legislative session. CCSU will be involved with analyzing the data and AAAC will help draft legislation.</p>	

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	<p>West Hartford Police Department's Captain, Tracey G. Gove is looking to fill 13 positions on his force. He has reached out to AAAC to assist him in filling positions.</p> <p>Civic Health Advisory Board is looking for people who can attend meetings and spread the word about how to get people engaged in the electoral and civil process.</p> <p>Civil War Commission is also looking for involvement from the African-American Community.</p>	
Resolutions	<p><u>Resolution #164</u> – BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission will assist the Minority Business Enterprise Taskforce (MBE Taskforce) sponsor MBE Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. The AAAC will assist by disseminating information and providing data related to the State's compliance with Public Act 11-229, the Supplier Diversity Statute. There will be no direct costs to the Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Cassis commented that the focus is to modify the law so that minority businesses can receive contracts.</p> <p>Secretary Campbell has taken over the meeting due to Chairperson's illness.</p>	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner Thompson
Committee Report	<u>None</u>	
Old Business	Executive Director mentioned that the consulting service has only received 5 surveys back. The consultant will proceed when he receives all surveys from Commissioners. Secretary Campbell has asked Commissioners who have not responded to do so before Friday, February 3, 2012.	
New Business	Executive Director mentioned there needs to be more discussion regarding the legislative agenda. He mentioned	

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	<p>1) Education 2) Employment 3) Racial Profiling 5) Health as top priorities.</p> <p>Commissioner DelGado suggested setting up a data base / survey monkey to ask the public what issues they see as top priorities, after receiving the results AAAC can focus on those issues. Commissioner DelGado will draft something for the next meeting. She also asks that Commissioners submit a list of important issues to her.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Events</p>	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> – Commissioner Jones the current chair of the Classic Awards, is in inactive standing and must be reappointed by her appointing authority. Commissioner Wright will now assume the responsibility as chair. Secretary Campbell asks Commissioners to assist in the process. Commissioner DelGado suggested adding new categories in the future.</p> <p>Executive Director distributed a Black History Month Booklet that staff has put together for the upcoming Annual Black History Month: A Work in Progress event. February 6th – 10th in the LOB Concourse.</p> <p><u>AAAC Website</u> – CT 2012 Black History Month Events are on the AAAC website.</p> <p>The Commission applauded Commissioner Hugley on the completion of his thesis. The Commission also applauded Commissioner Wright; he announced that his daughter completed law school.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned at 8:05 PM</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner DelGado</p>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date