

African-American Affairs Commission
 Un-Approved Minutes for January 7, 2015
 LOB Room 1B

Present: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Johnson**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

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

Public: **Earl Bloodworth, Cherell Banks, Victoria Christgau, Pastor James Lane and Emerald Scott**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:06 pm Called to order	Commissioner Wright
Roll Call	11 Present, 2 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Victoria Christgau provided an overview of her organization, the Nonviolence Leadership Institute and the work they're doing. She asked about collaborating with the AAAC. She discussed an upcoming program called Nonviolence in a Time of Civil Unrest: A Conversation with Legendary Civil Rights Leader Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr. Date: Thursday, February 5, 2015, 5:30 p.m. Location: Downtown Library Listen as the civil rights strategist who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speaks to the issues of ongoing conflict throughout the country, and discusses peaceful approaches to reconciliation. The event is free and open to the public. This Black History Month event is a part of the MLK Nonviolence Leadership Institute Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation Training, presented in partnership with the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence and the City of Hartford Department of Families, Children, Youth and	

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	Recreation. Pastor James Lane discussed and attested to the Kingian philosophy impact in reducing violence.	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Spending plan for remaining budget, budget increase and hiring of additional staff member. The minutes for the December meeting were corrected to include Commissioner Harris as attending the meeting.	Moved by Commissioner Canterbury , seconded by Commissioner McBride Approved
Chair Report	No formal Chair report. Chairman Wright thanked former Chairman Pierre Louis. Commissioner Wright passed baton to Chair Classic Award Ceremony to Stephanie Johnson. She will no longer be on committee, but running the entire event. Discussed Commission Committees. Welcomed new Officers, Vice Chair, Commissioner Canterbury, Sec., Commissioner Campbell, and Treasurer Commissioner Jones. The Chair asked the Committee Chairs to have their written reports ready and submitted to the ED to be included in the meeting packet that is distributed prior to the monthly meeting. The Chairs can then provide an update report during the Commission meeting.	Commissioner Wright
E.D. Report	College Goal Sunday being held on Saturday in Bridgeport and New Haven and 13 other sites throughout CT. Targeted to help with completion of FASFA. In process of hiring Information Officer for Commission looking to have decision wrapped up within the week. Amistad Committee representation regarding event taking place on the 22 nd of Jan. at the New Haven Museum regarding presentation on Prudence Crandall by Donald Williams at 6 pmt. Ebola campaign goal to raise \$100K by the City of New Haven for Sierra Leone ending this January culminating with a Jazz presentation at the 9 th Note in New Haven on the 25 th . Tickets are \$25 per person. West Haven Black Coalition	Executive Director Cassis

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	Feb. 28 th annual event, more information is forthcoming. First day of session. The Governor addressed a joint session of the General Assembly and highlighted his transportation infrastructure agenda.	
Committee Reports	<p>Executive Committee - Rescheduling of the holiday gathering to June around last meeting of the session. The pinning of Commissioner Brown was postponed (she attended meeting via phone). Classic Awards Committee - Suggested that a Caribbean dance troupe from Hartford be a part of the ceremony. Commissioner Johnson looking for any suggestions and/or help with the Classic Awards. Internal Affairs Committee - reported on Meet and Greet to be hosted by the AAAC. Considering March 15th or 25th at the Capitol with the 5 other Commissions. Chair and Executive Dir. speak briefly about their agenda 2015 Suggest having Commissioners provide a report on events and activities they've had with their constituents. Offsite meeting proposals for April meeting in New Britain and October meeting in Stamford. No update for Public Relations. Extend invite to Ethnic Media for Commission Meet and Greet. Commissioner Ficklin's inquiry into the branding exposure of the AAAC for the work that the Commission is doing and events we are participating in and or sponsoring.</p>	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Annual CHRO MLK Day Event at the State Capitol (Jan. 19) Let Freedom Ring, Gary Rhule being honored with the Humanitarian Award and two Honorees Dr. K Dean- Brown and Dr. Wendy Sandberg ((from New Haven) MC'd by	

