

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Approved Minutes for January 6, 2010  
 Old Judiciary Room  
 5.30 PM

**Present:** Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **Moore**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Wright**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis** and Commissioner **Washington**

**Absent:** **None**

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

**Public:** **None**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
<b>Meeting called to order</b>	<b>6:04 pm</b>	Commissioner <b>Pierre-Louis</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>		Mr. <b>Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comments</b>	<b>None</b>	
<b>Approval of December 1, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes reviewed, revised and passed.	Moved by Commissioner <b>Clark</b> and seconded by Commissioner <b>Wright</b> . Approved unanimously
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Report reviewed. Executive Director mentioned Governor vetoed the budget proposal by House & Senate, as it stands deficit mitigation has not been approved. Commissions were to meet with (FAC) Finance Advisory Committee, however, Commissions were excluded from the January 7th agenda. Therefore, the \$18 – 19,000 which was to be moved from the OE account to the PS account has not been transferred. If the transferred is not	Moved by <b>Commissioner</b> Logan Approved unanimously

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	made, staff will only be able to operate through March 26, 2010. Commissioner Wright inquired about grants, Executive Director informed the Commission that he applied for a grant which was approved for \$19,000 for early college access programs, part for operating cost for programs and part for personal services.	
<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	Chairperson Logan distributed reports for December 2009 and January 2010.	Commissioner <b>Logan</b>
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<p>Report distributed and items discussed:</p> <p><b><u>College Goal Sunday:</u></b> Executive Director has coordinated 13 sites for the Jan 31st event. Anticipating about 900 students. <u>2010 Census</u> material will be disseminated at the event.</p> <p><b><u>KnowHow2Go:</u></b> Commission will hold a Press Conference announcing the distribution of the KnowHow2Go Lumina grants. AAAC coordinated a panel of 20 readers from around the state who reviewed 50 applications selecting 7 of the 50 to receive awards.</p> <p><b><u>African Trade Group:</u></b> Executive Director continues to work with the group in trying to establish structure where businesses can trade with Africa.</p> <p><b><u>RBA:</u></b> Executive Director. distributed a draft summary report card which will be sent to Appropriations.</p> <p><b><u>Gear UP Grant:</u></b> Commission will be working with the "Gear up Program" federally funded program in Bridgeport and New Haven. AAAC applied for this grant. Its purpose is to develop and train network educators, develop networks in CT starting in Bridgeport and New</p>	Mr. <b>Cassis</b>

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	<p>Haven. The group continues to look for programs to bring foundations into the fold of higher education.</p> <p><b><u>Annual Report:</u></b> E.D. mentioned that the RBA may possibly take the place of the Annual Report, he will verify. Commissioner McBride suggests that we still create some type of report.</p> <p><b><u>Bylaws / Appointments:</u></b> E.D. met with Senator Looney regarding his 3 appointments, Senator Looney will make appointments from the New Haven County area to fill his appointments. NAACP may assist in filling vacancies in different counties. E.D. will continue to meet with other appointing authorities to fill vacancies.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><b>Education</b> – None</p> <p><b>Health</b> – None</p> <p><b>Legislative</b> – None</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	None	
<b>Old Business</b>	Previously Discussed	
<b>New Business</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Action Items</u></b></p> <p>Commissioner Moore spoke about ROTC opportunities. Commissioner Logan suggested arranging having a rep from ROTC to speak at February meeting.</p> <p>Chairperson Logan will put together a grant flow chart, making grant information easier for the Commission and</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner <b>Moore</b>, seconded by Commissioner <b>Logan</b>. Approved unanimously</p> <p>Moved by Chairperson <b>Logan</b></p>



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	<p>donations.</p> <p>Commissioner Jones suggested including military recognition as well as recognizing people with special needs (special Olympics). She also discussed the decline of elected officials in attendance within the last few years.</p> <p>Moore suggested acknowledging casualties of the war, public servants that have died during the year as well as acknowledging all nominees.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Adjourned at 8:11 pm</b>	Moved by Commissioner <b>Wright</b> and seconded by Commissioner <b>Washington</b> . Approved unanimously

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

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stephanie Moore, AAAC Secretary

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