

African-American Affairs Commission
 Public Meeting, Minutes for **Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008**
 Room: **LOB 1-B 5:30 PM**

Present:

Commissioner **McBride**
 Commissioner **Jefferson**
 Commissioner **Jones**
 Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**

Commissioner **Wright**
 Commissioner **Clark**
 Commissioner **Taffe**
 Commissioner **Logan**

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director – **Glenn Cassis** and Legislative Analyst – **Frank Sykes**

Public Comment: None

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	Meeting commenced at 6:05 pm	Commissioner Jefferson
Public Comment	None	
Approval of June 4th Minutes	Motion to approve minutes for the June 4th, 2008 monthly meeting. Correction were made to the minutes	Moved by Commissioner Jones Seconded by Commissioner Wright
Treasurer's Report	Report was reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of expenditure items were discussed, including impact of Governor's five percent budget cuts on AAAC's budget. • It was recommended that there should be a quarterly budget review and a schedule for this review should be provided 	Mr. Cassis , Commissioner Jefferson , Commissioner Clark , Commissioner Wright

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Chairperson's Report	<p>Report was distributed. Items discussed included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AAAC's meeting with the F.B.I. is scheduled for the October 1st, 2008 on the day of AAAC's monthly board meeting. The meeting will occur between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm • Description of AAAC's mentoring initiative was provided. Initiative is expected to kick-off in October and is a collaboration with the Governor's prevention partnership • Strengthening bills regarding the pardons process and the modification of sentencing guidelines • Jackie Caron should be involved in the development of legislation regarding the pardon process. <p>* <u>Commissioner Pierre Louis arrives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of an Advisory Council as a way to provide guidance on policy, legislation and other matters of the AAAC. It was agreed that names should be presented to staff for this advisory council. • Commissioners were notified of the next Executive Board meeting scheduled for August 20th, 2008 	<p>Commissioner Jefferson,</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson,</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson,</p> <p>Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Jefferson</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson,</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Jones</p>

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Committee Update Reports	<p><u>Education:</u> Establishing a link between the AAAC and the State Department of Education is in working progress.</p> <p><u>Health:</u> None</p> <p><u>Legislative:</u> Commissioners were reminded to complete the legislative matrix and survey provided in their packets and return by the October meeting.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards:</u> Classic Awards is scheduled for the first Friday in May.</p>	<p>Commissioner Pierre- Louis</p> <p>Commissioner Wright</p> <p>Mr. Sykes,</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p>
Resolutions	<p>The following resolutions were adopted:</p> <p>38th Annual Legislative Conference – Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, September 24 – 27, 2008. Corrections were noted and made to the resolution.</p> <p>Commissioner Jones and Mr. Cassis are yet to confirm their attendance. Commissioner Clark has confirmed her attendance</p>	<p>Commissioner Wright, Commissioner Jones,</p>

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Director's Report	<p>Report was distributed in advance. Items discussed included the following:</p> <p>Budget – Classic Awards budget is in a \$500 deficit. Means that Commission will be forced to begin fundraising much earlier than before.</p> <p>Coalition of Independent Contractors – New Haven Taxi Drivers – Met with the Coalition to discuss a proposed meeting with the Department of Transportation regarding obtaining taxicab certificates towards ownership. Staff will continue to monitor and collaborate with the Coalition.</p> <p>Education – A preliminary report was issued by the Ad-Hoc Committee highlighting a number of key areas in education. Final report is scheduled to be released in September or October. A conference will precede the official release and will provide community the opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>Housing Summit – Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission is hosting an informational forum on the housing crisis on July 30th at the LOB.</p> <p>Conference – Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity has scheduled a conference for October 22, 2008 to inform policy makers of current trends and initiatives in the criminal justice system.</p> <p>Event – NAACP in partnership with Central Connecticut State</p>	<p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p>

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	<p>University will host a kick off event at Russells to generate momentum for the Heritage Classic a football game involving North Carolina Central (a historically black university) and Central Connecticut State University. This game is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th.</p> <p>Legislative Conference – Annual legislative conference in Washington D.C. will be hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus and is scheduled for September 24-27, 2008.</p> <p>Commissioner Appointments – It was agreed that staff should track and record their efforts in reminding appointing authorities on the status of appointments. Commission should monitor progress until the September meeting.</p>	<p>Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Mr. Cassis, Commissioner Jefferson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Wright, Commissioner McBride, Commissioner Clark</p>
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposed meeting with the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (<i>LPRAC</i>) to discuss common goals and concerns is in working progress. An agenda is needed. • It was agreed that Mr. Cassis should continue his involvement with the African-American Parade Day Committee • AAAC will monitor any new developments regarding the hate crime incident at Plainville. 	<p>Commissioner Jefferson, Commissioner Jones, Mr. Cassis</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson,</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Fair at New London presented an opportunity for the AAAC to partner with a faith based organization committed to promoting health awareness within the African-American community. 	Commissioner Jones
Upcoming Events	<p>Hartford Chapters of Greek Council organizing a Cookout at Riverside Park August 16th</p> <p>AAAC's participation at the Taste of the Caribbean on August 2nd, 2008 on Constitution Plaza, Hartford.</p>	<p>Commissioner Clark</p> <p>Mr. Cassis</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm	<p>Moved by Commissioner Jones</p> <p>Seconded by Commissioner McBride</p>

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Sykes
 Legislative Analyst

Approved By

Commissioner Logan
 AAAC Secretary