

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for June 29, 2011
 Old Judiciary Room – Capitol Building

Present: Commissioner **Bellamy**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Hayes**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Thompson** and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Washington**

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

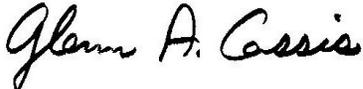
Public: Dr. Olugbenga “Chris” Ayeni, Associate Professor Eastern Connecticut State University, Nigerian National Assembly Service Commission, (NASC), Gayla Cook-Mohajane, and Dwight Buchman, Public Relations Officer Eastern Connecticut State University.

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	6:05 pm Called to order	Commissioner Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	9 Present and 6 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<p>Gayla Cook-Mohajane. Gayla’s career encompasses leadership and senior management roles in the U.S. and Southern Africa, in the international development, education, and private enterprise sectors. She discussed education.</p> <p>Nigerian National Assembly Service Commission, (NASC) members: Engr. Ahmed Dogondaj, Chairman and Head of Delegation, Mr. E. Justus Ntuk, Commissioner, Elder Kalu Uko, Commissioner, Mrs. Ngozi E. Onwochei, Director, Alh. Y. Dambatta, Ag. Director and Mr. Sunday Okeh, P. A to the Chair. The group discussed their reason for their visit to Connecticut which included interaction with the legislative offices at the State Capitol and to share knowledge in</p>	

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	different areas of best practices at the state level.	
Minutes	May 4, 2011 Minutes were approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner DelGado
Treasurer's Report	Commissioner Jones not in attendance. Executive Director mentioned the end of fiscal year budget report was not yet available. Discussed Plan B, Governor's planned Agency cuts. All commissions will be affected with the elimination of 50 positions being cut. More information will be available within the upcoming weeks.	
Chairperson's Report	Chairperson Pierre-Louis will submit his report electronically	
Executive Director's Report	Executive Director discussed his meeting with the Nigerian Government and informed the Commission of the tentative schedule for the group. Introduced the new Commissioner, Kathy Thompson, who was appointed by Senator Looney. Informed the Commissioners of his upcoming meeting with, Dr. Cross, Commissioner Thompson and Senator Richard Blumenthal to discuss education issues. He also shared the Invitation for commissioners to attend the Farewell Nigerian dinner on Friday evening.	
Resolutions	<u>Resolution # 158</u> - The AAAC will assist the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) of Nigeria during their visit to the State of Connecticut between June 25 and July 1 st , 2011. Will assist with planning the schedule for the NASC delegation which will include meetings with Senior Staff for the Office of Legislative Management (Administration, Finance, Legal and Research) and meetings with Governor Malloy, the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, the State Treasurer, Mayor of Hartford, the United State And Africa Development Organization and other officials. The AAAC will work with Olugvenga C. "Chris" Ayeni, PhD. from Eastern Connecticut State University.	Moved by Commissioner Wright Passed 9-0.

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	<p><u>Resolution # 159</u> - Executive Director, Glenn A. Cassis to attend the KnowHow2Go Learning Community Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana July 19 – 22, 2011. The cost of attending will be supported by a grant from the Lumina Foundation for Education.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Wright Passed 9-0.</p>
Committee Report	<p>Chairperson asked that the Committee Chairs submit their reports electronically due to time constraints.</p>	
Old Business	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> - Executive Director spoke on behalf of Commissioner Washington who is out due to illness. Classic Award budget information was distributed for Commissioners to review. Commissioner DelGado applauded Judge Lubbie Harper’s speech and inquired about obtaining a copy of his speech.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley inquired about an NAACP survey that was sent to local hospitals regarding the number of African-Americans hired by hospitals. Hospital responses were few. He is hoping the AAAC will assist in pursuing this information.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Special Meeting Discussion</u> – Executive Director discussed proposals from Leading Edge and Light Speed. Both companies agree to serve as a facilitator, survey work and work with AAAC’s strategic planning. Mr. Cassis suggested that a few members form a team to discuss and make a decision on which group would best assist AAAC, suggested that a response should be submitted back to the Commission within a week. The Commission will accept additional proposals until July 6th.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p>Executive Director distributed information highlighting several items / topics that AAAC should focus on in the upcoming year. Discussed the redistricting hearings that are</p>	

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	scheduled throughout the state.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:50 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner Hayes

Respectfully Submitted 
Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____
Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date