

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for March 4th, 2015
 LOB Room 1B

Present: Commissioner **Brown**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Ficklin**, Commissioner **Fields**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Ike**, Commissioner **Johnson**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Vermont** and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Harris** and Commissioner **Hugley**

On Leave: Commissioner **Tetty**

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

Public: **Nate Scott and Gerald Toney**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:04 pm Called to order	Chairman Alphonse Wright
Roll Call	15 Present, 2 absent and 1 on leave	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Nate Scott- Wanted to speak well about the AAAC and dispute an Op-Ed in the Hartford Courant disparaging the AAAC and other CT Commissions. The Op-Ed specifically singled out the AAAC. Mr. Scott was concerned about the funding of the AAAC and the future of its existence with things occurring like they have in Ferguson, MO. And thanked the commission for its work.	Executive Director Glenn Cassis and Chairman Alphonse Wright addressed concerns
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of Feb 4 th 2015 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.	Moved by Commissioner Ike , seconded by Commissioner Canterbury Approved
Chair Report	Chairman Alphonse Wright advised visited North End Elementary School and read to 1 st graders in New Britain.	
E.D. Report	Mr. Cassis stated that his report is a part of the packet. He	E.D. Glenn Cassis and

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	<p>highlighted that there would be changes in the budget due to the \$100 million dollar deficit for FY2015. Advised that there is no surplus in the Personal Service Account of the AAAC. \$400.00 in the ONE account and considerations were made and will be discussed on the 19th of March and where additional cuts/reductions will occur for FY2016 and FY2016. ED advised of report dropped in January about the Personal Services Account is \$600.00 in the red.</p> <p>Approval of Feb 4th 2015 Minutes approved. AAAC Legislative Analyst Subira Gordon discussed AAACs Legislative Agenda discussed: Housing Bills moving, Mobility counseling, School Based arrests, suspension and expulsion, Working with Dept. Economic Development to expand Small Business Express. Working with Labor Committee on expanding FMLA insurance to include paid FMLA. Second Chance legislation for youth offenders.</p> <p>Inquiry about partnership with either Black Attorney or Black Judges association from Commissioner Delgado. Commissioner Canterbury asked about tracking the outcomes or reporting on the outcomes of the bills we are working on pushing. AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth discussed the completion of the Jan. 2015 and Feb. 2015 AAAC Newsletters, setting up social media on YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, and an updated AAAC website.</p>	<p>Commissioner via Phone what we are going to need moving forward with such severe deficits. AAAC Legislative Analyst, Subira Gordon AAAC Information Officer Earl Bloodworth</p>
Committee Reports	<p>Commissioner Campbell on the Internal Affairs Commissioner discussed setting the date for the 6 new AAAC Commissioners orientations on either 3/19 or 3/20, getting reports regularly from other Commissioner Committees on their community activities and disseminating AAAC collateral so our constituents are aware of what is going on with the AAAC, and the Multi-Commission meet and greet. Discussed the social gathering due to take place in April that was moved to June and finding a creative way to complete that function even in the current budget crisis.</p>	

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	<p>Packets with the Nominations were disseminated and delivered back Wednesday, March 11, 2015 per Denise Drummond. Once material is returned the selected candidates for the Classic Awards to take out ad space, but that will be a small percentage. All commissioners and the Classic Award Committee are needed in completing the list that was sent out for possible sponsors to raise funds for the scholarship. The Classic Award Booklet cannot be sent to print without having sponsor checks in hand. Clarification on who is doing what regarding fundraising for the Classic Awards. Commissioner Ficklin was asked about Public Relations materials for the Multi-Commission meet and greet and advised to follow up with Commissioner Campbell.</p>	
Resolutions	<p>Resolution 182 AAAC meeting at CSCU ITBD Campus at 185 Main ST in New Britain and 183 Discussed the Multi-Commission taking place on March 25th in the Old Judiciary room.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Ike Second by Commissioner Fields</p> <p>Moved by Commissioner Ike Second by Commissioner Darity</p>
Old Business	<p>Commissioner Campbell inquired about bringing/donating food or funds for light refreshments for the Multi-Commission event.</p>	<p>Commissioner Campbell</p>
New Business	<p>New Commissioners Robert Ike and Robert Fields were welcomed. Glenn advised Commissioners regarding their testimonies for the appropriations committee hearings and the talking points drafted by Earl Bloodworth. Commissioner Delgado reached out to Attn. Don Tutson of Litchfield County about joining the AAAC as a Commissioner. Attn. advised that he would do it but was not sure of the time he could commit to the position. Also, Attn. Tutson stated he would also be happy to recommend other possible candidates for the seat. Commissioner Delgado also asked about setting up ad-hoc student advisory boards to form a better connections with Millennials.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p>Multi-Commission Meet and Greet March 25th</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 7:17 PM</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner</p>

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		Canterbury and Seconded by Commissioner DelGado .

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

Approved by Donna Campbell
 Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date