

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for May 5 , 2010
 LOB Room 1 B

Present: Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Darity**, and Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Logan** and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Moore**, Commissioner **Washington**

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

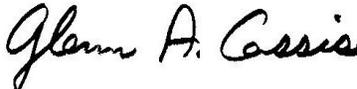
Public: **Rick Jennings**, Blacks in Government – Region One Council

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:05 pm	Commissioner Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	9 present 3 absent	Mr. Cassis
Public Comments	Rick Jennings briefed the Commission on Blacks in Government. A non profit organization, existing to support black professionals at all levels of government. Goals are to advocate for equal opportunity, eliminate practices of racism, promote professionalism, create programs that promote ethnic pride and educational opportunities. BIG will have its national conference in Kansas, August 2010. The New England Region plans to host the 2011 National Conference in Boston. Looking for support and to expand their organization. Membership forms were distributed to Commissioners. The AAAC will review the materials and will remain in contact with Mr. Jennings.	

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Minutes	Minutes for April 7, 2010 reviewed. Commissioner Wright requested that the minutes reflect specifically who moves and seconds motions. The Executive Director will make sure this information is reflected in the minutes.	April Minutes Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approve unanimously
Treasurer's Report	Commissioner Wright mentioned salary funds, indicating the last pay period will be in the negative. Glenn mentioned there will be a transfer of money from grant money received by the Commission.	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner McBride and approved unanimously
Chairperson's Report	Chairperson distributed and summarized his report.	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved unanimously
Executive Director's Report	Reviewed written report sent with meeting package. Executive Director, Glenn Cassis mentioned that AAAC has been working on the upcoming Classic Awards as well as the KNOWHOW2GO Gear Up Forum. Also mentioned House bill # 5323 Affirmative Action bill appears to be dying. Education, Race to the Top appears as though it will pass.	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved unanimously
Committee Reports	<u>Classic Awards</u> – Commissioner Wright applauded AAAC Staff (Executive Director and Sr. Legislative Secretary, Denise Drummond) for raising more money than in the past and all the effort put into preparing for the Classic Awards. Executive Director discussed a few issues regarding the program journal. Discussed the outline of the program. DelGado suggested having a moment of silence in recognition of fallen soldiers during the ceremony. Commissioner Wright asks that everyone arrive promptly at 5:30.	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved unanimously

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Resolutions	Resolution # 145 – Be it resolved that the African-American Affairs Commission in partnership with College Goal Sunday hereby approves Executive Director, Glenn A. Cassis to attend the May 23 through May 25, 2010 Annual College Goal Sunday Annual Forum in Minneapolis, MN at no direct cost to the Commission	Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Pierre-Louis and approved unanimously
Old Business	None	
New Business	<p><u>Bylaws</u>: Chairperson Logan discussed changes in bylaws. Asked for a volunteer committee to get together to discuss and compare bylaws with current legislation, propose changes and discuss findings with commission. Commissioners DelGado, Jones and Pierre-Louis volunteered their services. Commissioner DelGado will chair the committee. Was noted that Commissioner Moore will be relocating out of state and will be leaving the Commission.</p> <p><u>GLAD</u>: Employment discrimination case, seeking AAAC’s support. Motion was made to sign on as “a friend of the court”. Motion was passed.</p>	Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Darity and approved by Commissioners 8 yes and 1 abstention
Upcoming Events	<u>KNOWHOW2GO GEAR UP FORUM</u> : May 11, 2010 at the Burroughs Community Center in Bridgeport, CT. Guest speaker will be Paul Vandeventer. Mr. Cassis discussed the agenda for the upcoming event. Organization will come together to discuss ways to increase graduation rate, etc.	

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Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:47 pm	Moved by Commissioner Pierre-Louis, seconded by Commissioner McBride and approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted 

Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director 5/19/10

Approved by _____

Stephanie Moore, AAAC Secretary