

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for November 3, 2010
 Old Judiciary Room

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

Absent: Commissioner **Bellamy** and Commissioner **DelGado**

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

Public: **None**

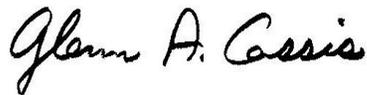
Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:00 pm Commissioner Pierre-Louis called to order	
Roll Call	11 present 2 absent	Executive Director, Cassis
Public Comments	None	
Minutes	October 6, 2010 Minutes were discussed. Commissioner Hugely mentioned that the minutes should reflect October's discussion regarding the Executive Director's travel. E.D. should provide a detailed summary report after attending conferences. As well as the discussion and decision regarding having members of the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus attend upcoming Commission meetings.	
Treasurer's Report	No new items to address per Treasurer Wright. Executive Director, Cassis summed up last year's budget cuts for the new Commissioners and mentioned his hopes of retaining a part-time analyst as well as returning current staff to original salaries, awaiting a decision from OLM.	
Executive Director's Report	<u>KNOWHOW2GO-CT Symposium</u> - E.D. discussed the success of the symposium held at SSCU on October 28th. Grants totaling \$30,000.00 was distributed to 6 CT	

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	<p>organizations. <u>Red Cross</u> - E.D. talked about his attendance at the event and relayed their appreciation for AAAC's participation in the Black History Month Blood Drive that AAAC sponsored. Mentioned that we were given an award of appreciation. Discussed a new Red Cross survey that AAAC has placed on the website which serves to gather data on why African-Americans don't give blood. <u>AAAC Website</u> - E.D. shared AAAC website statistics with the Commission, indicating that AAAC is reaching out to the public via the website, as indicated by the large number of hits that the sites has been receiving. <u>William Brown Citation</u> E.D. mentioned Mr. William Brown formerly of the Urban League of Greater Hartford passed away. Mr. Cassis delivered an AAAC citation on behalf of the AAAC. <u>RBA</u> – Still gathering information and working on the AAAC Annual Report.</p>	
Chairperson's Report	<p>Chairperson Logan did not attend the Executive Committee meeting, however, the minutes were submitted. Discussed AAAC's budget and having the former legislative analyst return to staff, discussed the benefits of having an analyst return part time with limited funds.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Bylaw</u> – Commissioner Jones mentioned that she had not connected with Bylaw Chairperson DelGado and will proceed at next commission meeting.</p>	
Resolutions	<p><u>Resolution # 150</u> – AAAC to co-sponsor informational session and police/community forum with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity (CHRO). November 19th in Waterbury and December 13th in Bridgeport. December 8th Kids Court/Kids Speak forum at the Legislative Office Building to address issues of diversity and discrimination in public education.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Washington - Passed 10-0.</p>

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	<p><u>Resolution # 151</u> – AAAC to approve E.D, Glenn A. Cassis to attend the National KH2GO Learning Community (KLC) meeting in Indianapolis, ID, November 30 – December 2, 2010. Focus on sustainability, policy and the Round 3 Creatives. Expenses paid by KH2GO national and grant funding received by the KH2GO-CT project through the Lumina Foundation. Commissioner Jones amendment resolution 151 to include: “Round 3 Creatives is the third phase of the national KH2GO ad campaign and relates on the value of accomplishing a difficult challenge with attending post-secondary education”.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Wright; Second by Commissioner McBride Amended by Commissioner Jones – Passed 9-1</p>
Old Business	<p><u>Racial Profiling</u> – E.D. mentioned that staff is still receiving municipal reports and that the funds are still available.</p> <p><u>RBA</u> – In the process of collecting data for the report.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Nominating Committee</u> – Commissioner McBride read the nominating Committee Report per Commissioner Clark. Nominations were as follows: Chairperson-Commissioner Fred Pierre-Louis, Vice Chairperson – Commissioner Diana Washington, Secretary – Commissioners Donna Campbell, Treasurer – Rosetta Jones.</p> <p>Nominating committee was dissolved, opening the way for additional candidates. No additional names were added.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> – E.D. discussed his findings as to whether or not the event would continue. The Attorney General’s Office did confirm the continuation of the event. The letter of confirmation was made available to the Commissioners. Commissioner Washington was nominated and accepted the position of chair of the 2011 Classic Awards Committee.</p> <p><u>2011 Meeting Schedule</u> – Dates for 2011 Commission meetings were discussed. Commission is considering not</p>	<p>Commissioner Washington will chair the 2011 Classic Awards Committee. Commissioner Darity will assist</p>

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	<p>having a July meeting due to poor attendance during the summer months. It was suggested that the June meeting be moved to later in the month eliminating the July meeting. Will follow up next meeting.</p> <p><u>New/Re-elected Reps & Senators</u> - Commissioner Hugley suggested sending congratulatory letters to the newly and re-elected State Representatives and Senators. Discussed a possible “meet and greet” lunch welcoming the newly elected to the legislature. Mr. Cassis mentioned that this occurs during orientation here at the Capitol. Commissioner Jones suggests this can be done in individual communities.</p> <p><u>Spike in New Haven crime</u> - Commissioner Hugely discussed his concerns, looking for ways that AAAC can assist in combating crime. Commissioners shared ideas. Chairperson Logan mentioned that AAAC needs to keep in mind its role as a commission. Suggest that we continue to support organizations and to increase awareness of these issues affecting our communities.</p> <p><u>Public Relations Committee</u> – Commissioner Pierre-Louis suggested forming a public relations committee to aggressively get the word out about the commission. Commissioner Clark was appointed and accepted the position of chair.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Hugley seconded by Commissioner Pierre-Louis.</p>
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:50 pm	<p>Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Clark</p>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date