

African-American Affairs Commission
 Public Meeting, Minutes for Wednesday, November 5, 2008
 State Capitol – Old Judiciary Room

Present: **Commissioner Brenda DelGado**
Commissioner Michael Jefferson
Commissioner Derrick McBride

Commissioner Fred Pierre-Louis,
Commissioner Alphonse Wright

Absent: **Commissioner Rosetta Jones**
Commissioner George Logan

Commissioner Ngozi Taffe

Also Present: AAAC Executive Director Glenn Cassis, AAAC Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator
 Cheryl Harris Forbes, AAAC Intern Katherine Hypolite

Members of the Public: None

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM	Call to Order Roll Call	Chairperson Jefferson Cheryl Harris Forbes
Public Comments	None	
Approval of October 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes	Commissioner DelGado requested that the minutes be corrected to include a capital G in her name.	Motion to Approve Minutes Commissioner Clark 2 nd Commissioner Wright Approved
Treasurer's Report	Commissioner Wright noted his review and approval of the budget. No questions or points of clarification. Commissioner DelGado asked for intern job descriptions in order to assist in student recruitment. Commissioner Clark suggested uploading internship opportunities to Metro Hartford Alliance's website: InternHere.com in addition to the AAAC website.	Commissioner Wright Commissioner DelGado Commissioner Clark

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	<p>College Goal Sunday is set for January 25, 2009. This event assists high school senior and their parents or guardians to complete the online FAFSA form. This year, the program has expanded to include two new sites. There will be 11 locations for the College Goal Sunday event: Capital Community College – Hartford, Eastern Connecticut State University – Willimantic, Gateway Community College – (Long Wharf Campus), Manchester Community College, Middlesex Community College – Middletown and Meriden, New London Science High School – New London, Norwalk Community College – Norwalk, Post University – Waterbury, Discovery Museum in Bridgeport, Central High School in Bridgeport, St. Joseph College – West Hartford, and Western Connecticut State University – Danbury. Organizers expect to help 800 students.</p> <p>Commissioner Clark asked that a press release be prepared to announce the event.</p> <p><u>Health</u></p> <p>Ms. Forbes reported that the Commission on Health Equity met for the first time on October 30th.</p> <p><u>Legislative -</u></p> <p>Mr. Cassis provided copies of the draft Legislative Agenda. Chairperson Jefferson asked for Commissioners review and comments. He further requested that Mr. Cassis create a matrix for the purpose of listing legislative priorities and identifying persons and resources that could assist in their advancement.</p> <p>Commissioner Clark noted that the matrix should also track current and proposed legislation that addresses the issues. She also asked the Commission to consider and encourage efforts to increase the number of African American adoptive families, both in its legislative agenda and throughout the year.</p>	<p>Commissioner Clark</p> <p>G. Cassis</p> <p>Commissioner Clark</p>

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Resolutions	<p>124 Resolution regarding support of the Connecticut Health Foundation in reducing racial and ethnic health disparities in Connecticut</p> <p>125 – Resolution regarding AAAC project and program partnership with the UCONN School of Social Work. Partnership may be renewed after 12 months.</p> <p>126 - Resolution regarding the AAAC joining the Task Force on Financial Education in Connecticut Public Schools.</p> <p>127 - Resolution regarding sponsorship of the film Trouble the Water at Real ArtWays Theatre.</p> <p>128 - Resolution regarding AAAC partnership with the Association for Human Services to help eliminate poverty in Connecticut. Partnership may be renewed after 12 months.</p>	<p>Motion by Commissioner Clark 2nd Commissioner Pierre Louis Approved</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Clark 2nd Commissioner McBride Approved</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Pierre Louis 2nd Commissioner Clark Approved</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Clark 2nd Commissioner DelGado Approved</p> <p>Motion by Commissioner Pierre Louis 2nd Commissioner Clark Approved</p>
Nominating Committee	<p>Commissioner McBride submitted the Nominating Committee’s report and Slate of officers. He stated that in addition to himself, the Nominating Committee consisted of Commissioners Clark and Jefferson The slate read as follows for positions to be filled as a result of the AAAC elections on December 3, 2008: Chair – Commissioner Logan, Vice Chair – Commissioner Pierre Louis, Secretary – Commissioner Taffe, Treasurer – Commissioner Wright.</p> <p>Subsequent to Commissioner McBride’s report, Chairperson Jefferson dissolved the Nominating Committee. Following to Chairperson</p>	Commissioner McBride

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	<p>Jefferson's request, Commissioner McBride explained the process for receiving nominations from the floor. Chairperson Jefferson opened the floor to nominations for all officer positions. No such nominations were made.</p> <p>Chairperson Jefferson informed Commissioners that they would have the opportunity to make officer nominations at the December meeting prior to the vote for officers.</p>	Chairperson Jefferson
New Business	<p>Executive Director Cassis called Commissioner's attention to the draft newsletter to be posted to the Commission's website and asked for their review and comments. He noted a number of positive publicity opportunities, Commissioner Clark's appearance on WTXN TV Fox 61's morning show, his appearance on CPTV and WTIC radio, as well as front page coverage of the Commission's Welcome Reception for Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid in the Inquirer.</p>	G. Cassis
Other Business	None	
Upcoming Events	<p>Commissioner Clark informed Commissioners that November is national adoption month and that the Department of Children and Families is supporting two events and seeking help in recruiting African-American adoptive families. The 6th Annual Heart Gallery Celebration will be held at First Cathedral. The exhibit will be on display from November 1 through November 15. On November 15, 2008, the Howard University Alumni Club of Greater Hartford will host an event in Bridgeport at North Branch Library, guest speakers will be Rev. Anthony and Donna Bennett from the Mt. Aery Baptist Church. On Friday November 7, 2008 the AAAC will participate in the Childhood Obesity Prevention Forum. On Friday November 14, 2008 HBCU College Fair will be held in the Legislative Office Building and on December 5, 2008, the Commission will co-sponsor the Trouble <i>the Waters</i> film presentation at Real ArtWays in conjunction with UCONN School of Social Work.</p>	Commissioner Clark

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	<p>Chairperson Jefferson announced that on November 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., Omega Psi Phi, Epsilon Iota Chapter will host its Founders Day Brunch at the Holiday Inn in North Haven. Tickets are available.</p> <p>Save the Date - February 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. - Howard University Alumni Club of Greater Hartford in partnership with the State NAACP will bring Howard University's Martin Luther King Forensic Debating Team to Connecticut to compete against Yale University 's debate team, in the event <i>The Great Debaters</i>.</p>	<p>Chairperson Jefferson</p> <p>G. Cassis</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn meeting.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 7:06 PM</p>	<p>Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Wright 2nd Commissioner Pierre Louis</p>

Respectfully Submitted _____
Cheryl Harris Forbes
Public Affairs/Special Projects Coordinator

Approved by _____
Commissioner George Logan
AAAC Secretary