

African-American Affairs Commission
Wednesday October 1st, 2008
LOB – Room 1B

Present: Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Jefferson**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Wright**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **Delgado**

Absent: Commissioner **Taffe**

Staff in Attendance: Executive Director – Mr. **Cassis**, Legislative Analyst – Mr. **Sykes**

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	5:15 pm	Chairperson Jefferson
BREAK	7.00 pm – 7.10 pm	Chairperson Jefferson
Meeting Resumed	7.10 pm	Chairperson Jefferson
Public Comment	FBI Civil Rights Forum – An overview of federal hate crime cases in the nation, current trends and Connecticut’s experience with hate crimes were presented and discussed.	Special Agents – Walter Grattan, Carla Spino and Kimberly Mertz , Chairperson Jefferson , members of the public
Approval of September 3 rd Minutes	Minutes approved with corrections	Moved – Commissioner Clark Seconded – Commissioner Pierre-Louis
Treasurer’s Report	Following line items were reviewed and explained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voucher journals • Payroll deductions • Funds of \$11, 700 in reference to classic awards • Commission’s budget outlook in view of the state budget deficit. 	Mr. Cassis
Chairperson’s Report	Economic Crisis – AAAC should play a role in	Commissioner Jones ,

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	<p>disseminating information and resources to the community through education and outreach.</p> <p>Executive Director's Performance Evaluation – Evaluation was completed and will be distributed to Commissioners interested in copies.</p> <p>Executive Board Meeting – Announcement of next executive board meeting October 15th @ 4 PM</p>	<p>Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Delgado,</p>
Director's Report	<p>Report was included in the meeting package that was sent to the Commissioners. Items discussed included the following:</p> <p>African-American Day Parade – Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Charter Oak Plan – An inquiry was sent out to Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding the Charter Oak plan.</p> <p>Commission Appointments – Notification of appointments to the Commission have been inconsistent. The AAAC Office has not received written notification from the appointing authorities. The most recent appointment had the incorrect address. This has been corrected.</p> <p>Harmony Classic – This event (football game between North Carolina Central University and Central CT State University) held on Saturday, September 20th was highly successful.</p> <p>Reception – A reception would be held for Dr. Pamela Reid honoring her appointment as the 8th, President and first African-American President of</p>	<p>Mr. Cassis, Commissioner Jefferson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Wright</p>

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	<p>St. Joseph College on October 22nd, 2008 (Old Judiciary Room, 5 PM – 7 PM).</p> <p>Ad Hoc Committee on Secondary School Reform – Education proposal has been approved by the Ad-Hoc Committee and recommended to the State Board of Education. It will be submitted to the Legislature.</p> <p>LPRAC Exec Dir’s Dismissal – Ramifications regarding the decision and impact on AAAC</p>	
Committee Reports	<p>Education – Reported that State Dept. of Education expects the AAAC to play a role in launching its new education initiative</p> <p>Health – None</p> <p>Legislative – Mr. Sykes is working on the 2009 AAAC legislative agenda. It should be ready for approval at the November meeting.</p>	Commissioner Pierre-Louis , Commissioner Wright , Mr. Sykes
Action Items	Resolution 123 – A resolution to approve dates and times for the 2009 AAAC’s Monthly Commission Meetings.	Moved – Commissioner Jefferson Seconded – Commissioner Pierre-Louis Approved
Nominating Committee	<p>Commissioner Logan explained the AAAC nominating procedures pursuant to the AAAC bylaws.</p> <p>Commissioner Jefferson, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner McBride volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.</p>	Commissioner Logan
New Business	Results Based Accountability (RBA) list was distributed. The processes and outcome were	Commissioner Clark , Commissioner Jones ,

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	<p>explained. Discussions ensued about follow up, next steps and also the population segment the AAAC should be advocating for.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the posting of AAAC's minutes 7 days after a monthly meeting.</p>	<p>Mr. Cassis</p>
Adjournment	<p>8:20 pm</p>	<p>Moved – Commissioner Pierre-Louis Seconded – Commissioner Clark</p>

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Sykes
 Legislative Analyst

Approved By

Commissioner Logan
 AAAC Secretary