

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Minutes for **September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**  
**Old Judiciary Room**  
**5.30 PM**

**Present:** Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **Moore**, Commissioner **McBride**

**Absent:** Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Wright**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Washington**

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

**Public:** None

| Agenda Item  | Discussion ( <i>brief summary</i> )   | Action ( <i>and by whom</i> )   |
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| <b>Meeting called to order</b>                       | <b>6.05 pm</b>  | Commissioner <b>Logan</b>   |
| <b>Roll Call</b>                                     | <b>5 present 4 absent</b>   | <b>Mr. Sykes</b>  |
| <b>Public Comments</b>                               | None  |   |
| <b>Approval of 2009 July Regular Meeting Minutes</b> | Minutes Approved  | <b>Moved By</b><br>Commissioner <b>DelGado</b><br><b>Seconded By</b><br>Commissioner <b>McBride</b> |
| <b>Treasurer's Report</b>                            | Report was reviewed and discussed. \$1200 was leftover from sponsorship.  | <b>Mr. Cassis</b>   |
| <b>Chairperson's Report</b>                          | Report was distributed and the following items were discussed:<br><br><b>State Budget</b> – Reported significant reductions to Commission's budget. | Commissioner <b>Logan</b>   |
|  | <b>*Commissioner Clark joined the meeting</b>   |   |

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| <b>Executive Director's Report</b> | <p>Report distributed and the following items were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission applied for a 3 year grant from the Lumina Foundation. Grant will be used for the second phase of the Know-How-To-Go initiative. New England Education Opportunity Association (NEOA) will serve as the fiscal agent</li> <li>• College Goal Sunday is moving forward. An additional site has been added.</li> <li>• Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) – Cited a number of challenges and problems that needed to be resolved, in assisting Jackee Bryant a local organizer, in planning the historically black colleges and university college fair. The event is scheduled for November 13th</li> </ul> | <p>Mr. <b>Cassis</b>,<br/> Commissioner <b>DelGado</b>,<br/> Commissioner <b>Clark</b>,<br/> Commissioner <b>Logan</b>,<br/> Commissioner <b>Moore</b>,<br/> Commissioner <b>McBride</b></p> |
| <b>Committee Reports</b>           | <p><b>Education</b> – None</p> <p><b>Health</b> – None</p> <p><b>Legislative</b> – An update was provided. A comprehensive report would be provided once the budget implementer process is complete.</p>  | <p>Mr. <b>Sykes</b></p>  |
| <b>Resolutions</b>                 | <p>None</p>   |  |
| <b>Old Business</b>                | <p><b>Racial Profiling</b> – Process is underway. Various organizations have expressed interest in working on the project. An agreed format will be determined at a future date.</p> <p><b>AAAC Retreat</b> –<br/> Received a summary report of the retreat. It was successful.</p>   | <p>Mr. <b>Cassis</b></p>   |

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|                              | <p>Newsletter will be released mentioning the Retreat.</p> <p><b>RBA</b> – RBA report has been completed Ron Schack has received the final copy and will review it for approval.</p>  |   |
| <b>New Business</b>          | <b>State Budget</b> – Informed Commission on implications of the state budget and the need for the Commission to decide on how to move forward with imminent cuts. There was agreement to go into Executive Session upon adjournment of the meeting | Mr. <b>Cassis</b>   |
| <b>Election of Secretary</b> | In view of Commissioner Taffe’s resignation from the Board a new appointment is needed to fill in the vacancy as Secretary. Commissioner Moore volunteered to be interim Secretary.   | Commissioner <b>Logan</b><br>Commissioner <b>Moore</b><br>Commissioner <b>DelGado</b>               |
| <b>Upcoming Events</b>       | NAACP’s Statewide Conference in celebration of 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary  | Mr. <b>Cassis</b> ,<br>Commissioner <b>Clark</b>  |
| <b>Adjournment</b>           | <b>7:20 pm</b>  | <b>Moved By</b><br>Commissioner <b>McBride</b><br><b>Seconded By</b><br>Commissioner <b>DelGado</b> |

**Respectfully Submitted** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Frank Sykes**  
 Legislative Analyst

**Approved By** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Commissioner Moore**  
 AAAC Secretary