

African-American Affairs Commission
 Unapproved Minutes for June 2, 2010
 Old Judiciary Room

Present: Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Washington** and Commissioner **Hugley**

Absent: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Logan** and Commissioner **Wright**

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

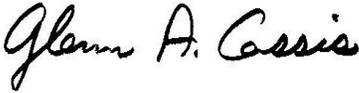
Public: Lt. Gary Tinney, President of the New Haven Firebirds Society

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Meeting called to order	6:14 pm Commissioner McBride chaired the meeting	Commissioner Derrick McBride
Roll Call	6 present 5 absent	Mr. Cassis
Public Comments	Lt. Gary Tinney, President of the New Haven Firebirds Society discussed some of the issues the New Haven fire department is facing. The department has 400 fire fighters, 91 are African-American. His group is seeking equal employment opportunities for African-American firefighters. They are trying to get pilot programs in New Haven high schools as well as in Job Corp. He mentioned the need for grant money to incorporate these programs. Mentioned flaws in how things are done and is hopeful that NAACP amongst other organization will help their fight. He feels the department has been finding ways not to hire African-Americans, making it difficult for them to get through the hiring process. AAAC will review the materials provided to see if the Commission can be	

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	of assistance.	
Minutes	Minutes for May 5, 2010 reviewed and approved.	April Minutes Moved by Commissioner Clark , seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer, Commissioner Wright was not in attendance. Executive Director mentioned that the AAAC is on target. PS account was inaccurate; the grants secured by the ED will eliminate the deficit in the personnel account. He mentioned that the plan is to restore current staff salary and use funds for a part-time position.	
Chairperson's Report	Chairperson not in attendance. Executive Director provided some of the information and discussed in his report.	
Executive Director's Report	<p>Reviewed written report sent with meeting package.</p> <p>Executive Director, Glenn Cassis mentioned the State of CT Dept. of Education submitted a second application for "Race To The Top". AAAC submitted a letter of support. The State appears to be in a better situation this time around. Charter schools were addressed, secondary school reform legislation was passed by Connecticut and improving low performing schools was addressed.</p> <p>AAAC has reviewed grants funded by the Lumina Foundation, approved proposals have been announced. Six programs will be funded for \$5,000.00, Yale University, Hartford Youth Scholars, Bridgeport Education Fund, Central CT State University, Waterbury Public School System and the Urban League of Greater Hartford.</p> <p>The 2009 Annual Report was distributed for review.</p>	

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	Annual Audit report has been done. There were a few items of concerns for example, one missing reappointment letter. Auditors inquired about AAAC scholarship disbursement process.	
Committee Reports	<u>Classic Awards</u> – Classic Awards photo disks were distributed to the Commissioners. Classic Awards Commissioners gave their input and recommendations on the event. Most commented that the event went well, however suggested better lighting for the presenters and honorees in the future. One suggestion was to have food available earlier.	
Resolutions	<u>Resolution # 146</u> - AAAC to Co-Sponsorship with Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities the Anti-Discrimination Police / Community Forum to be held on June 24, 2010.	Moved by Commissioner Clark , seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved
Old Business	None	
New Business	<p><u>Bylaws</u>: Executive Director discussed the need for new commissioners to join the board. Suggested that Commissioners refer people to fill the new 8 positions. Commissioner Jones suggested using the talent bank to fill some of the vacant appointments.</p> <p>The bylaws committee will meet soon to review bylaws for the Commission.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley mentioned that East Haven’s Mayor, April Capone would like to meet with AAAC. She is seeking assistance / guidance on racial issues facing the town of East Haven. A diversity conference in East Haven was suggested. However, Commission decided to invite her to the September meeting so that she can</p>	

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	<p>inform the Commission on some of her town's issues, thus AAAC will determine if and how it can be of assistance.</p> <p>Executive Director discussed CT State University's Chancellor Carter's hearing which was held at the Legislative Office Building.</p> <p>Commissioner Washington suggested that we begin handing out surveys at all future events / forums in order to collect data and feedback regarding our Commission.</p>	
Upcoming Events		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 8:18 pm	Moved by Commissioner Washington , seconded by Commissioner Jones and approved

Respectfully Submitted 
 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____
 Derrick McBride