

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for March 3, 2011
 Old Judiciary Room – Capitol Building

Present: Commissioner **Bellamy**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Hayes**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Washington**

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

Public: **David B. Fein**, US Attorney Office, **Kimberly Mertz**, FBI Special Agent in charge of the New Haven Field Office, **Rep. Gary Holder-Winfield** and **Rep. Patricia Miller**

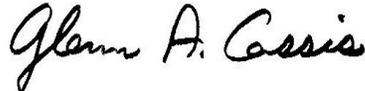
Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:00 pm Called to order	Commissioner Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	8 Present and 6 absent	Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	David B. Fein of the US Attorney Office discussed Civil Rights and what the FBI and US Attorney are doing in regards to Civil Rights. Mr. Fein provided a synopsis of the purpose and responsibility of the US Attorneys Office. The US Attorney’s Office has jurisdiction over the entire state of Connecticut and is responsible for overseeing, reviewing, and defending civil and criminal matters in the state. The US Attorney Office currently has 3 district courts located in New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport. There are currently 65 attorneys who represent each state, nationally. Mr. Fein explained that at the direction of the Attorney General as well as President Obama, the US Attorney Office has increased its focus in the area of Civil Rights enforcement. The US Attorney Office is partnering with the Civil Rights division of the US Department of Justice and providing	David B. Fein , US Attorney Office

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	injustice that is occurring in education, employment and health.	
Recess	Meeting recessed and moved to 5 th Floor Conference Room	
Resolutions	<p><u>Resolution # 154</u> Be it Resolved that the African-American Affairs Commission will partner with the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) and the Connecticut State Conference of NAACP Branches in the sponsorship of the Black Leaders Policy Roundtable: The Challenges and Opportunities for Public Education Reform forum on Thursday, March 31, 2011 (1D LOB). The AAAC Executive Director will represent the AAAC in the planning and delivery of the forum. This will include scheduling the facility, assist with obtaining panelists, developing the program and follow-up including survey/evaluation and marketing the forum.</p> <p><u>Resolution # 155</u> Be it Resolved that the African-American Affairs Commission will become a member of the Consortium for Black and Latino Scholastic Achievement (CBLSA). The mission of CBLSA is to empower and prepare Black and Latino youth and adults by developing collaborative partnerships and leveraging resources to promote access to academic and career opportunities for success. As a Coalition member the AAAC would: 1) attend and participate in CBLSA meetings, 2) propose, review, approve and participate in activities and projects conducted in the name of CBLSA and stay abreast of reports, research and programs that address or impact CBLSA constituency.</p>	<p>While there was a quorum action was taken on resolutions</p> <p>Moved Wright, seconded Hugley and Passed 8-0</p> <p>7 pass 1 abstention</p>
Minutes	January Minutes – will be approved at next meeting, due to time lack of quorum.	
Treasurer’s Report	No report	

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Chairperson's Report	<p>Dr. Pierre-Louis distributed his report. Commissioner Darity agreed to no longer chair the Education Committee. Commissioner Wright was appointed chair of the Education Committee. The Chair reported that he talked to OLM regarding goals and objectives for the Executive Director. Deadline is March 18th to update goals and objectives, He requested an extension of April 15th, because he wants to form a committee to discuss the goals and objectives before meeting with OLM. The Chair expressed his dissatisfaction with the AAAC website. He said he has visited IT and directed them to make changes.</p> <p>Commissioner Wright congratulated the Executive Director on a job well done during the Appropriations Committee hearing. He mentioned the Commissioners need to show more support at these hearings.</p>	Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Hayes
Executive Director's Report	<p>Mr. Cassis mentioned the Penn Act bill. Discussed and share the "write up" of a presentation made at ECSU. He thanked all Commissioners for their participation in the college goal Sunday event & distributed sweat shirts. Mentioned that approximately 431 students participated (have not received numbers from all sites). Read his response to Chairperson's email regarding recruiting commissioners to the board. Discussed / recommended his strategies for recruiting commissioners. Submitted list a vacant seats. Commissioners Jones suggested establishing an interactive links on website to generate feedback for the talent bank. Recommendations will be discussed at the April meeting.</p>	
Committee Report	<p>Postponed due to time constraints.</p> <p>Classic Awards – Executive Director spoke on behalf of Classic Award Chairperson, mentioned that we are still in need of ads and nominations as he distributed the forms to</p>	

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	Commissions asking for their assistance. It was recommended that Commissioner George Coleman be asked to be the keynote speaker.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	None	
Upcoming Events	None	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 8:55 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Hugley

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date