

African-American Affairs Commission
 Unapproved Minutes for November 16, 2011
 Old Judiciary Room – Capitol Building

Present: Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Jones**, Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**

Absent: Commissioner **Bellamy**, Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **Hayes**, Commissioner **Logan**, Commissioner **Thompson**, Commissioner **Washington** and Commissioner **Wright**

Staff in Attendance: AAAC Executive Director, **Glenn A. Cassis**

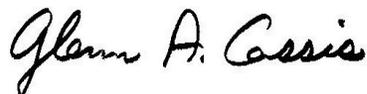
Public: Commissioner Rueben F. Bradford, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:06 pm Called to order	Chairperson Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	6 Present and 9 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Commissioner Bradford shared information about the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, a consolidation of 5 departments. The department offers public protection and emergency services. Current demographics within the state police are: 65 African-Americans, 58 men, 7 women, 2 lieutenants and 12 sergeants. The highest ranking African-American was Captain Joe Davis. Commissioner Bradford has asked AAAC to assist with getting the word out to the community notifying the public when entrance exams are open, to help improve the numbers. Discussed the requirements and the process of being a state police officer as well as the required testing. Discussed his history with the department.	
Minutes	October 2011 Minutes - no quorum – will be presented at next meeting.	

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Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Jones summarized the budget. Surplus of \$10,000.00. Executive Director mentioned a request for Legislative Analyst position, (Frank Sykes) to return next session has been submitted. Waiting for legislative leaders to approve.	
Chairperson's Report	Chairperson Pierre-Louis expressed congratulations to Stefan Pryor, the new commissioner of the State Department of Education. Report is included.	
Executive Director's Report	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> – Announced AAAC has reserved the LOB, May 18, 2012 for the Classic Awards. Commissioner Jones has been selected Chairperson of the 2012 Classic Awards.</p> <p><u>College Goal Sunday</u> - Mentioned 2 new sites (University of Bridgeport and University of Hartford) have been added this year and volunteers are still needed.</p> <p><u>KnowHow2Go</u> - AAAC hosted the November 3, 2011 KnowHow2Go access and success conference at Southern. \$30,000.000 was presented to 6 organizations/groups (\$5,000.00 each) for use for programs.</p> <p>December 9, 2012 AAAC will be hosting a forum in the LOB, Southern Connecticut State University students will be making presentations on 5 African nations, giving the public information on business opportunities in African countries.</p> <p>Discussed Jobs coming to Connecticut, research company for UCONN will bring jobs to the state. Commissioner Hugley suggested AAAC meet with the Governor regarding the new jobs and get the word out to the communities when jobs become available. Hugley also talked about the need for vocational training programs.</p> <p>African-American male conference is asking for our support</p>	No formal action

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	by providing/donating materials for the upcoming conference. Commissioner Jones voted against AAAC supporting the conference.	
Resolutions	<u>Resolution</u> - Commissioner Hugley presented resolution # 163. Comments were made regarding his proposed resolution. The resolution was revised and will be presented at the next meeting.	
Committee Report	<u>Strategic planning</u> – Retreat is still on hold waiting for Commissioners to tally the votes. The three groups are: Light Speed, Leading Edge, Learning and Development Catalyst. Discussed possible topics. Commissioners Canterbury, Pierre-Louis and Executive Director Cassis will give the general direction of the retreat.	
Old Business	<u>None</u>	
New Business	<u>None</u>	
Upcoming Events	November 21, 2011 Conference - Speak out against Death Penalty in the LOB. American Civil War several upcoming events on the topic of slavery. Reviewed the 2012 commission meeting schedule, will be voted on next meeting.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 8:21 PM	Moved by Commissioner Hugley seconded by Commissioner DelGado

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date