

African-American Affairs Commission
 UnApproved Minutes for April 4, 2012
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

Present: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Clark**, **Commissioner Harris**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Thompson**, and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Washington**

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

Public: **Visitor – Mark Bivens**

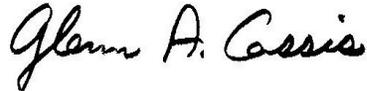
Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	6:14 pm Called to order	Vice Chairperson Donna Campbell
Roll Call	9 Present and 1 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<u>None</u>	
Minutes	March 7, 2012 Minutes Approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner McBride
Treasurer's Report	<u>Treasurer's report</u> – Executive Director mentioned that 2013 there is a deficient 250 million dollars which may require more funds to come from AAAC budget. AAAC is on target and will have surplus.	Approved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Harris
Chairperson's Report	<u>Chair Report</u> – Executive Director noted that the Chairperson will not be in attendance due to a death in his family.	
Executive Director's Report	<u>Commission Contact List</u> – Executive Director distributed the AAAC contact information sheet and asked for Commissioners to provide updated information. He noted that names with (*) indicates commissioners that are no	

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	<p>longer on the commission due to excessive absences. He mentioned that most are in the process of getting reappointment letters from their appointing authorities.</p> <p><u>Bills</u> - Distributed a list of bill that Legislative Analyst, Frank Sykes has been given testimony on.</p> <p><u>Police Community Information Session</u> – Executive Director shared information on the forum that was held on March 28, 2012. The forum addressed the new bill regarding profiling. There was a panel discussion, about 100 people attended; included many from law enforcement. He distributed the power point presentation on Race, Justice and Profiling that Northeastern University presented at the forum. He noted that CT is going in the right direction. The forum was very informative and lots of good ideas were exchanged. He will be looking into holding the forum in other parts of the state.</p>	
Resolutions	<p><u>None Presented</u> however Commissioner Hugley suggested that the commission prepare a resolution to show support to the Trayvon Martin case. Executive Director mentioned that information has been placed on the AAAC website and mentioned our involvement with coordinating and getting the information out about the marches that took place in Hartford the past weekend. Executive Director, Cassis and Commissioner Hugley will present a resolution within next week.</p>	
Committee Report	<p><u>Legislative Agenda</u> – Executive Director distributed Frank Sykes’ legislative agenda. He also mentions that he will keep the Commission updated.</p>	
Old Business	<p><u>KJR - Kenya Rutland</u> – Teleconference call was made to include Mr. Rutland. Mr. Rutland discussed the strategic process beginning with the January assessments. The surveys and 1 on 1 discussion revealed information that the commission will be sitting down to discuss. Noted some apprehension about the process and noted that it took some</p>	<p>Motion to move by McBride Seconded by Canterbury</p>

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	<p>time to get some responses back from some of the Commissioners. From the active group of Commissioners he received 75 – 80% feedback. Noted the need to build a stronger sense of what each Commissioner’s role is, the need to identify goals and build better attendance and get more of a commitment. He will be sending a summary of his findings to all Commissioners next week.</p> <p>On April 21, 2012 the group will meet to discuss the Commission as a whole; to build a solid plan, look at what is currently in place, eliminating dead weight, pinpoint what AAAC can collectively to clean up committees and / or start over fresh and also to discuss how each Commissioner can be more involved by deciding who will lead certain initiatives. This will help AAAC move forward in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Rutland is will create an agenda for the meeting and is asking that Commissioners submit any input on issues they’d like addressed and included in the agenda.</p> <p>Follow up will be in May.</p>	
New Business	<p>March from Albany Avenue and Main Street to the State Capitol (Trayvon Martin) will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2012.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p><u>Classic Awards</u> – Commissioner Wright announced that the 2012 Classic Award Keynote Speaker will be Stan Simpson host of “<i>The Stan Simpson Show,</i>” a current affairs talk show that airs Saturdays, 6:30 a.m., on Fox CT and online at ctnow.com/stan. He also mentioned that it is critical that Commissioners participate in the fund raising. He reported that he has raised another 1,700.00 so he is strongly urging Commissioners do their part. Commissioner Wright selected presenters for the Classic Awards. Youth of the Year will be presented by Commissioners Canterbury and McBride, Business & Economic Development will be presented by</p>	

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	Commissioner Campbell, Woman of the Year Commissioner Clark, Man of the Year will be presented by Commissioner Hugley and Lifetime Achievement by Commissioner Wright. Commissioner Wright will be 71 on April 12 th !	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:19 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner McBride

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date