

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Approved Minutes for March 7, 2012  
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

**Present:** Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **McBride**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Thompson**, Commissioner **Washington** and Commissioner **Wright**

**Absent:** Commissioner **Clark**

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

**Public:** **Denise Gallucci, Dina Crowl, George Logan, Rosetta Jones**

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
<b>Meeting called to order</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b> Called to order	Chairperson <b>Fred Pierre-Louis</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	9 Present and 1 absent	Executive Director <b>Glenn Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><u>Denise Gallucci</u>, Deputy Executive Director / Superintendent of CREC Magnet Schools. CREC is a regional education center which assists the state in meeting integration. It is designed to build economies of scale and its vision is that every student can learn at high levels.</p> <p>Currently 6300 students attend CREC Magnet Schools. The Capitol Region serves 35 school districts, 82 towns, one third African-American, a third Hispanic and a third White, there are 15 schools and building 7 additional schools.</p> <p>Students are achieving at a high rate. Teachers and staff have a strong belief system and are committed to getting results. They work harder and smarter. 98.6 % graduate on time. Economically disadvantaged students out perform all students in CREC schools. Achievement gap is not about race. Families and children are invested, CAP data shows</p>	

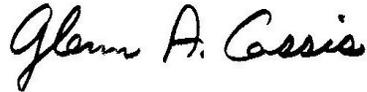
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	<p>students are achieving, a lot of students come at 5th grade level, 12 % – 16% are not college ready, but looking into remediation to fix this. CREC is partnered with a national clearing house to track their college students to see what happens to them and to assist students and their families. Students are empowered to be learners and that's what they teach.</p> <p>Children who struggle are removed and get diagnostic testing to find the gap. An achievement plan is set up for that child to make sure he succeeds.</p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<p>February 1, 2012 Minutes approved.</p> <p>Commissioner Wright made the correction that his daughter has not completed Law School; she has been accepted into Law School.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner <b>Wright</b>, seconded by Commissioner <b>McBride</b></p>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p><u>Treasurer's report</u> – Treasurer Jones distributed the budget. Noted that travel reimbursement line item is pretty low and the Commission may want to consider line item transfers.</p>	
<b>Chairperson's Report</b>	<p><u>Chair Report</u> – Dr. Pierre-Louis made note that Commissioners Jones, Washington and Logan were present and is happy to have them in attendance. Mentioned that he will be meeting with OLM to discuss the Executive Director's performance and goals for the upcoming year. Asked that any Commissioners interested in assisting with the Executive Director's evaluation to contact him. Chairperson participated and represented the Commission in the National MBA in Stamford. Mentioned that he submitted his 2012 Annual Report letter to the Governor.</p>	
<b>Executive Director's Report</b>	<p><u>College Goal</u> 900 family participated at the 12 sites throughout Connecticut. 520 evaluations were received from students and volunteers, 200 were from volunteers. Lumina Foundation and YMCA issued a report indicating that CT did</p>	

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	<p>well and exceeded its goals.</p> <p><u>Public Forum</u> is being held to discuss the Governor's Education Bill by the Black &amp; Latino Caucus, NAACP and the Charter Schools Association. Executive Director will be participating.</p> <p><u>Traffic Statistics</u> – There will be a hearing to amend the Penn Act "Ticket Stops". Stats will be handed over to OPM and all violations will go to a centralized computerized system. Bill will request receipts be given to those that are stopped. Will be meeting with Professor Dyson from CCSU, Andrew Clark, from the Justice Council at CCSU and Professor D'Carlo from the University of New Haven to discuss a council to steer the process for analyzing traffic stops. Council will review and set up guidelines. LPRAC, CHRO, Citizens Group, Police Chiefs Association are some agencies that will be on the council.</p> <p>Will be meeting with CHRO, Chief of Police Association, LPRAC and the Asian &amp; Pacific Commissions to discuss a forum on ticketing on Wednesday, March 28th at the State Capitol. Forum will give the public an opportunity to bring forth ideas, complaints and recommendations about policing.</p> <p><u>Lead Positioning Forum</u> – AAAC participated and assisted Dr. Cross with the forum.</p> <p><u>Bill # 5533</u> - Organ and Tissue Donation. AAAC has been supportive of Donate Life and will continue. A box will be placed on all CT licenses allowing a \$2.00 donation be given to organizations to pursue research.</p> <p><u>Bridgeport Charter Schools</u> – Attended a meeting to assist in starting a new charter school called STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Executive</p>	

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	<p>Director has set up meeting for the team to visit and tour Jumoke Academy in Hartford.</p> <p><u>CASE</u> - CT Association of Science and Engineering has invited Glenn to become an honorary member.</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	<b><u>None</u></b>	
<b>Committee Report</b>	<u>Legislative Agenda</u> – Legislative Analyst, Frank Sykes wrote and submitted testimony. Will be submitting a list on legislative issues.	
<b>Old Business</b>	Consultant has received all but 2 surveys back from Commissioners, will be proceeding with the next step.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Commissioner Hugley noted that the NAACP against the Education Bill.</p> <p>Commissioner Hugley congratulated Executive Director, Cassis on a job well done on the Stan Simpson Show, for his nomination to CASE and for the work he has been doing on behalf of the AAAC.</p> <p>Commission discussed a Survey that will be distributed to the public via “Survey Monkey”. Commissioner DelGado suggested requesting a contact email address to the survey.</p> <p>AAAC Scholarship &amp; Resource Guide has been in such high demand. College Goal Sunday has approved and will pay for the printing of an additional 1000 booklets for distribution.</p>	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<u>Classic Awards</u> – Commissioner Wright selected the Classic Awards Selection Committee (Commissioners Canterbury, McBride, Thompson and Wright). Packets were distributed to the Committee. The Selection Committee was asked that they review, score, make their decision and submit score	

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	sheets to the office before March 14 <sup>th</sup> . An announcement was made that the Mistress of Ceremony will be Commissioner Thompson.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 7:16 PM	Moved by Commissioner <b>McBride</b> seconded by Commissioner <b>Wright</b>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date