

African-American Affairs Commission
 Minutes for May 2, 2012
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

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

Absent: Commissioner **DelGado**

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

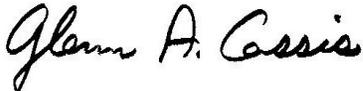
Public: **Laurel Coleman and Rosetta Jones**

Agenda Item	Discussion (<i>brief summary</i>)	Action (<i>and by whom</i>)
Meeting called to order	6:03 pm Called to order	Chairperson Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	9 Present and 1 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<u>None</u>	
Minutes	April 4, 2012 Minutes Approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Clark
Treasurer's Report	<u>Treasurer's report</u> – Commissioner Rose Jones presented the treasurer's report. Commissioner Wright questioned money being returned. Executive Director mentioned that any surplus will be returned.	
Chairperson's Report	<u>Chair Report</u> – Chairperson Pierre-Louis discussed the workshop that was held on Saturday, April 21st. He mentioned that it was beneficial. He attended the Greater New England Minority Supplier Benefit Banquet along with Commissioner Wright. There were over 900 people in attendance.	

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Executive Director's Report	<p><u>2nd Community Policing Forum</u> – The forum was discussed by Mr. Cassis. It was held at Gateway Community College. Attendance was good – 60 people. He thanked Commissioner Hugley for his help and support. He mentioned that the forum covered a lot of information especially about racial profiling.</p> <p><u>Racial Profiling Bill RB 364</u> – Executive Director mentioned that the bill did pass, should be approved and up for the Governor to sign.</p> <p><u>Death Penalty Bill</u> – The bill was signed by the Governor.</p> <p><u>Education Bill SB24</u> – A lot of discussion is still going on regarding this bill. Mr. Cassis is waiting to see what the outcome will be and will keep all informed.</p> <p>Mr. Cassis and Commissioner Harris attended a forum at Faith Congregational Church in Hartford where the Governor spoke about education. Mr. Cassis mentioned that last year the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus prepared a 10 point Education Program and created the school governance council. This year the caucus isn't very vocal about it. However, Representative McCrory continues to be. Commissioner Harris noted that the Governor will not sign a watered down bill so we will have to wait to see what the outcome will be.</p>	
Resolutions	<u>None</u>	
Committee Report	<u>Legislative Agenda</u> – Executive Director distributed Frank Sykes' legislative agenda and informed Commissioners that he will keep the Commission updated.	
Old Business	<u>KJR - Consulting</u> – Executive Director mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Rutland regarding the workshop that was held on April 21st. He distributed notes from the workshop	

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	<p>and asked the Commissioners to review the information and provide feedback. Another meeting will be scheduled to complete the process. Prior to the meeting he asks that Commissioners review the information in advance.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards</u> – Commissioner Wright extended deep gratitude to Sr. Legislative Secretary, Denise Drummond for her work on the upcoming Classic Awards. He mentioned that the Commission to date has raised \$10,400.00 with a carry over of \$2,179.00. The total projected expenses are \$11,155.00 with a surplus of \$1,200.00. This year’s scholarship recipients will both receive \$2,000.000 each. He also announced that Commissioner McBride will not be in attendance and noted that Commissioner Harris has agreed to present in Commissioner McBride’s absence.</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Procedure for Public Comments</u> – Executive Director Cassis distributed information regarding the AAAC’s policy for public comments. Commissioner DelGado originally asked for clarification on the procedure. Commissioner Wright raised a question regarding public comments vs. public presentations. Commissioner Jones suggested making an agenda line item for public presentations which will allow the public sufficient time to make a public presentation. It was discussed that public comments will remain on the agenda and be used for the public attending the meetings, awarding them a limited amount of time to make comments. Public presentations will be for the public wanting to make presentations. This will be a separate agenda line item. The Executive Committee will discuss public presentations in advance and place them on the agenda. After discussion it was decided that the Executive Director and Commissioner Harris will review the information and present final clarification at the next commission meeting.</p>	
Upcoming Events	<p><u>AAAC Classic Awards</u>, May 18, 2012, 6:30 PM, 300 Capitol Avenue, LOB, Hartford, CT.</p>	

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	<p><u>Education Gap and Health</u>, May 8, 2012, LOB – Room 1B, Commission on Health Equity will discuss the impact that health inequities has for a cause for the educational achievement gap.</p> <p><u>NAACP The Great Debate</u>, May 5, 2012, 2:00, New Haven Shubert Theatre - Yale University vs Morehouse College</p>	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 6:45 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner McBride

Respectfully Submitted 
 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____
 Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date