

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for October 3, 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**

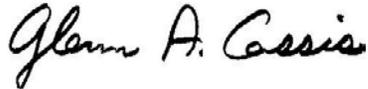
Public: **Rosetta Jones**

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	10 Present and 1 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<u>None</u>	
Consent Agenda	The Minutes for September 5, 2012, Executive Director's report and the Financial Report through August 31, 2012 were approved.	Moved by Commissioner Harris , seconded by Commissioner McBride
Committee Reports	<p><u>Internal Affairs Committe</u> - Commissioner Campbell announced the 3 members of her committee, which include Commissioners McBride and Thompson. They are looking into taking information from informational retreat to enhance the commissions work. Items on their agenda: Getting the newer commissioners name badges, having a meet and greet for new commissioners and having a community day held in different parts of the state to talk about our mission. The by-laws are also an item on their agenda.</p> <p><u>Public Relations Committee</u> – Commissioner Clark is working with Denise Drummond, Sr. Leg. Sec., on having a</p>	

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	<p>functional AAAC Facebook Page. She is in the process of trying to gain access to the administrative side of the page in order to update and edit. This has been difficult because the page was originally created by an office intern. Commissioner Clark has begun to draft a calendar of events, press releases and so forth for the Facebook page. She will be working with Ms. Drummond to have this up and running as soon as possible.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> - Commissioner Wright will be working with Ms. Drummond in the upcoming weeks and will present the information at the next meeting.</p> <p>Executive Director, Cassis mentioned that Ms. Drummond has been gathering contact information for possible new sponsors and is working on getting sponsorship letters out to them.</p> <p><u>Community Issues</u> - Commissioner Hugley will have information for the board at the next meeting.</p>	
Resolutions	<p><u>Resolutions</u> - Mr. Cassis presented and shared information regarding resolutions 166 and 167.</p> <p><u>166</u> - BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission will be a co-sponsor for the Poetry Contest Emancipation Slam and Poster Contest Imagining Emancipation. The Commission will assist with publicizing both programs and will assist with other administrative tasks.</p> <p><u>167</u> - BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission will be a co-sponsor for the Health Justice Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. The purpose of this free event is to bring forth a community voice by providing a forum for learning through dialogue about health disparities, in order to create a course of action for individuals, policy makers, organizations to collectively</p>	<p>Motioned by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Harris</p> <p>Motioned by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner McBride</p>

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	eliminate disparities in Connecticut.	
Old Business	<p>Commissioner Campbell mentioned that during the Executive Committee meeting the by-laws were discussed and the need to adhere to them. It was suggested that each commissioner review the by-laws to make sure that the commission is in line with them. Chairperson mentioned that new officers will need to be selected and asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee. This committee will be assigned to nominating new officers. Commissioner McBride will chair the committee and Commissioners Clark and Wright will also be on the committee.</p> <p>Commissioner Wright asked for clarification regarding non-commission members being able to serve on a committee. Chairperson discussed the benefits of having non-commission members serve. They may have expertise in an area that may be helpful in carrying out the mission of the committee.</p> <p>It is not stated in the by-laws that non-commission member can be on a committee, however, people from the public can volunteer to assist a committee. They just will not have voting privileges. Therefore, it was agreed that members from the public can assist with committees.</p>	
New Business	Rosetta Jones informed the commission that she received her reappointment letter from her appointing authority. She also mentioned that she had difficulty using the AAAC site to link to voter information. Commissioner Clark confirmed the links indeed are working and she had no trouble connecting to voter information. However, the office staff will look into the matter to make sure that all links are fully functioning.	
Legislative Agenda	Mr. Cassis mentioned that when creating the upcoming agenda, the commission should consider the commission	

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	survey that was conducted last year. Specifically question 3 which asked what areas AAAC should focus on. The public's response was: closing the achievement gap, providing employment opportunities, health care, addressing college access issues and addressing racial profiling.	
Upcoming Events	<u>October 23rd</u> - Health Justice Town Hall meeting. <u>October 30th</u> - Red Cross Reception at the Governor's Residence. <u>October 27th</u> – Black Men Take Charge of Your Health Day, the Omega Foundation of Hartford and Hartford Hospital. Details of all events can be found on our website.	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 6:53 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner Clark



Respectfully Submitted _____

Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by _____

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date