

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Approved Minutes for April 3, 2013  
 Gateway Community College – New Haven, CT

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

**Absent:**

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

**Public:** Gateway Community College Students, Former Mayor of East Haven \_\_\_\_, Barbara Fair of My Brother's Keeper, Reverend William Mathis of Project Longevity, Anna Maria Rivera of Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (CIRA),

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<b>Meeting called to order</b>	<b>6:05 pm</b> Called to order	Chairperson <b>Fred Pierre-Louis</b>
<b>Roll Call</b>	12 Present and 0 absent	Executive Director <b>Glenn Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b><u>Public Comments</u></b> - Barbara Fair from My Brother's Keeper shared her concerns about gun violence and issues about discriminatory laws in Connecticut. __ a candidate for Mayor of New Haven shared concerns about jobs in Connecticut. Others from the public voiced concerns about the African-American communities in Connecticut.</p> <p><b>Public Presentations -</b></p> <p><u>Project Longevity</u> - consists of clergy, members of the criminal justice field, the community and many others. Reverend William Mathis shared information about Project Longevity. He discussed gun violence in New Haven and how his organization is looking for ways to reduce the violence. He shared information about the research that his</p>	

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	<p>organization is doing. Their goal is to reduce homicides and violence and to develop productive and sustainable relationships. The public was allowed to ask questions and share thoughts and comments.</p> <p><u>Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (CIRA)</u>, is an organization that promotes racial, social, economic justice and equality for all. Anna Maria Rivera spoke about deportation and immigrant rights. She shared information on national immigration reform, the drivers license bill, jobs and education. She also talked about the Trust Act which gives law enforcement guidance on what they are allowed to do and what they are not allowed to do at the point of arrest. Ms. Rivera shared information about the role of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an organization that enforces immigration laws. She talked about how outreach and handed out informational flyers on upcoming marches in the community.</p>	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	The Minutes for March 6, 2013 and Consent Agenda for March 6, 2013 were approved.	Moved by Commissioner <b>Wright</b> , seconded by Commissioner <b>Campbell</b>
<b>Chair Report</b>	Chairman attended the executive committee meeting and assisted with the planning for the current meeting.	
<b>E.D. Report</b>	Executive Director discussed briefly the gun violence prevention bill, Bill # 1190. He also discussed mentioned the racial profiling bill - Bill PA1274. As a result of the bill the Racial Prohibition Advisory Board was formed. Former Appropriations Chairperson Bill Dyson, from New Haven and John DeCarla, professor at University of New Haven are cochairman of the group. The group meets quarterly and consists of law enforcement, civil right and grass roots organizations. The website is <a href="http://www.ctrp3.org">www.ctrp3.org</a> there you can find information, videos, reports and data about the bill. On May 23rd at 2:00 PM in the Legislative Office Building the group will be having a meeting that is open to the public.	

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<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><u>Internal Affairs Committee</u> – Commissioner Campbell discussed her report which touched on seeking better avenues of reaching out to the public and getting more commissioners on the AAAC board. Commissioner Clark asked all those in attendance to stay connected with the commission via the website, face book and email, encouraging them to continue to use those devices to share information with the Commission.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> – Commissioner Wright shared that the commission had received a commitment of \$10,500.00 of donations to date, not including carryover from last year. He announced the 2013 Classic Award honorees. He selected commissioners to fill slots on the upcoming program.</p> <p><u>Community Issues</u> – Commissioner Hugley thanked his students and coworkers for attending the meeting. He mentioned that many of the New Haven residence appreciated the AAAC coming to New Haven to hold the monthly meeting and sharing with the residence of New Haven.</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	173 - BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission (AAAC) will support non-profit organizations by purchasing advertising space in the respective organizations program journals or events publications. The Commission will only consider placing an ad if the organization has placed an ad in the AAAC Classic Awards Journal within a calendar year.	173: Moved by Commissioner <b>Clark</b> , seconded by Commissioner <b>Hugley</b>
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>Legislative Agenda</b>		

