

African-American Affairs Commission
 Approved Minutes for January 2, 2013
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

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

Absent: Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Hugley** and Commissioner **McBride**

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

Public: Alok Bhatt, Linden Benjamin, Rosetta Jones

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:10 pm Called to order	Chairperson Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	8 Present and 3 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	Public Comments - Mr. Bach from the Connecticut Immigrants' Rights Alliance was invited by Commissioner Hugley to speak to the commission about immigration issues. Immigration Control Enforcement, (ICE) works to control deportation of law abiding people here in the states, giving them the right to due process. People are being detained even though under the federal immigration law they shouldn't be. He shared information about the Trust Act which is a program that creates a strict rubric of who can be detained based on the severity of the crime. Financial providers of families are being deported and this causes a lot of strain on families. The majority being deported are from the Latino community. Fairfield County has a large number of people that are being deported for non-serious crimes. A detainer request is issued and the state has 48 hours to determine if the request will be honored. Mr. Bach	

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	asked for the commission's assistance in providing support to their cause.	
Consent Agenda	The Minutes for December 5, 2012 and Executive Director's report were approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Canterbury
Chair Report	Chair served on the panel at the Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System Conference at Central CT State University on December 17th.	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Public Relations Committee</u> – Commissioner Clark was not in attendance however, the Executive Director shared that Commissioner Clark is in the process of uploading photos and information from the 150th Anniversary - Emancipation Proclamation Event that was held on January 1, 2013 to our face book page.</p> <p><u>Internal Affairs Committee</u> – Commissioner Campbell spoke on behalf of her committee. Because of the holiday the committee hasn't completed all tasks but will have an update at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> - Commissioner Wright mentioned that Mass Mutual and Price Chopper have agreed to place ads in this year's journal. Nomination forms have gone out to all CT high schools; we have received 7 nomination forms to date. Letters to previous sponsors will be sent next week. Next month Commissioner Wright will begin discussion about the selection process. A suggestion was made to give students that don't meet the criteria recognition certificates at the event as a way of acknowledging their hard work.</p> <p><u>Nominating Committee</u> – Commissioner Wright read the officer slate: Chairperson-Fred Pierre-Louis, Vice Chairperson-Darryl Hugley, Secretary-Donna Campbell and</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Canterbury and seconded by Commissioner Thompson</p> <p>Moved by Commissioner Canterbury, seconded by Commissioner Harris</p>

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	Treasurer-Rosetta Jones. Commissioner Canterbury made motion to approve the slate and was seconded by Commissioner Harris. Executive Director presented the roll call.	
E.D. Report	Executive Director gave an updated on the 150th Anniversary - Emancipation Proclamation Event that was held on January 1, 2013. The event was a huge success and was well received. The Lieutenant Governor spoke, the Mass Choir consisted of singers from all around the state, student poet winners read their poetry and the drummers did an amazing job. The event received great media coverage. The Commissioners that attended thanked the Executive Director and the Legislative Secretary, Denise for a job well done.	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	<u>College Goal Sunday</u> preparations are going well and the Executive Director will give an update at the next meeting. Commissioner DelGado has selected to be on the Community Issues Committee and Commissioner Harris has selected the Classic Awards Committee.	
New Business	Executive Director mentioned that the Department of Administrative Services is seeking the assistance of the commissions regarding MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) Contracting. They are asking commissions to provide questions, suggestions to help MBE's. Commission Wright volunteered his services. The Executive Director also mentioned that the CT Department of Health Improvement Planning Coalition has asked the AAAC to partner with them on January 31st at the Crown Plaza. Commissioners Campbell and Harris expressed an interest in attending.	
Legislative Agenda		
Upcoming Events	American Red Cross Diversity Inclusion Event will be held on January at the Governor's Residence. Opening Day -	

