

African-American Affairs Commission  
 Un-Approved Minutes for March 6, 2013  
 Legislative Office Building – 1B

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

**Absent:** Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Jones**, and Commissioner **Washington**

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

**Public:** **Alix Simonetti – CHRO, Mark Roberts – NAACP, Bud McCallister – NAACP, Jordan Bennett-Planned Parenthood**

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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>	7 Present and 4 absent	Executive Director <b>Glenn Cassis</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	<p><b><u>Public Comments</u></b> - CHRO Attorney, Alix Simonetti shared with the Commissioners the relationship and interaction that CHRO has with the AAAC. She came before the board to ask that AAAC co-sponsor CHRO's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 16, 2013 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM on the north steps of State Capitol. She asks that the commission place information on the website, send information via Eblast and to show up and show support for all that CHRO has accomplished over the years.</p> <p>Mark Roberts from NAACP shared information about a national pilot job program he has undertaken in New London. He asked AAAC to pass along and share information about the program. He asked that the commission express our ideas on the program and show support. The program targets people of color and is designed to create economic opportunities in new London.</p>	

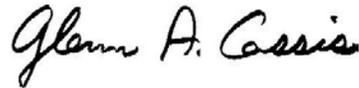
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	<p>Clients are interviewed, provide a list of their skills and services that they can offer as well as indicate the skills and services they are interested in receiving. It is a credited for services operation. Upon acceptance into the program money is put into an account so that transactions can be started.</p>	
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>The Minutes for February 6, 2013 and Consent Agenda for March 6, 2013 were approved.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner <b>McBride</b>, seconded by Commissioner <b>Wright</b></p>
<b>Chair Report</b>	<p>The Chair mentioned that the consolidation of commissions was discussed during the executive committee meeting. Mentioned that he was not able to attend the hearing on behalf of the commission, however sent in testimony.</p>	
<b>E.D. Report</b>	<p>Executive Director discussed that there had not been any significant changes to the budget and that he along with the other Executive Directors will be meeting with the Appropriations Committee Working Group to discuss the budget and how they can best meet the Governor's budget demands. He distributed brochures, "Freedom Trail Guide" which lists historical places throughout the state.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<p><u>Internal Affairs Committee</u> – Commissioner Campbell was attending the meeting from an offsite location which limited her from providing her report as she would like. She will present her information at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> – Commissioner Wright shared that the commission has received a commitment of \$5,800 from sponsors to date and that \$2,000.00 is being carried over from last year. He asked that each commissioner follow up with making calls to the sponsor lists that were submitted to them by AAAC Secretary Denise Drummond. Nominations received to date, 15 female youth of the year, 9 male youth of the year, 3 man of the year nominations, 2</p>	

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	<p>woman of the year, 1 lifetime achievement and 0 business and economic development. He encouraged commissioners to generate interest in nominations. Commissioner Wright's selection committee consists of Commissioners McBride, Thompson, Washington and himself. Packets will be sent to the committee to review and make their selections. He addressed the issue of selecting a keynote speaker, selecting commissioners to fill slots on the program as well as selecting presenters of each award.</p> <p><u>Community Issues</u> – Commissioner Hugley mentioned hosting a gun violence hearing in New Haven. He has reserved space at Gateway Community College in New Haven for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> commission meeting. Commissioner Campbell will meet with Commissioner Hugley to arrange details. He attended an Immigration Reform Alliance meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, some of the topics discussed were financial aid and safe driving issues. He also shared information on a bus tour that is touring the state to share information on immigration issues. Marches are in the process of being put together to take place April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<b>Resolutions</b>	<p>171 - BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission (AAAC) will support and co-sponsor the 70th Anniversary of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) in May 2013. The AAAC will allow its logo to be included in material disseminated and the AAAC will supply its own material for dissemination.</p> <p>172 - BE IT RESOLVED: That the African-American Affairs Commission (AAAC) will support the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Health Care Program Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Initiative by becoming part of a national network of organizations interested in raising awareness of patient-centered outcomes research and helping clinicians and patients make</p>	<p>171: Moved by Commissioner <b>Wright</b>, seconded by Commissioner <b>Hugley</b></p> <p>172: Moved by <b>Commissioner Wright</b>, seconded by Commissioner <b>Canterbury</b></p>

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	evidence-based health decisions. The AAAC will request media material from AHRQ and distribute it to residents and general public.	
<b>Old Business</b>	The Chairperson mentioned that the Executive Board met in a face to face meeting to discuss steps on how the commission will move forward as well as discussed the Governor's budget. He is in the process of setting up a meeting with the new chair of the Black and Latino Caucus to discuss ways of working together on issues.	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Executive Director share information on an upcoming press conference that will be held on March 12, 2013 at 2:00 in room 2B of the Legislative Office Building. Representative Brandon McGee and Gwen Samuels, President of State of Black Connecticut will be hosting the conference. They recognize the threat that the commissions are under and want to bring awareness to the value of having the commissions remain as they are. Dr. Raja Straggers-Hakim, Executive Director of the Commission on Health Equity, Andrew Clark, Director of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) at Central Connecticut State University and Jim O'Neil of CHRO will be speaking on behalf of the AAAC. Members of the caucus will be invited to attend. Several commissioners have confirmed their attendance and participation. The Executive Director expressed the importance of all commissioners being present.</p> <p>The Executive Director discussed information on previously distributed information regarding "The Gap of Economic Wealth" and how the information relates to our commission.</p> <p>Over 1100 students participated in this year's College Goal Sunday.</p>	

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<b>Legislative Agenda</b>		
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<p>Press Conference "State of Black CT" - March 12, 2013 - 2:00 Room 2B Legislative Office Building.</p> <p>"Health Disparities Sabbath" April 19 – 21, Local churches and religious groups are being asked to have sermons on the topic of health. (Additional information is forth coming).</p> <p>April meeting will be held at Gateway Community College in New Haven, details to follow.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjourned at 7:05 PM	Moved by Commissioner <b>Pierre-Louis</b> seconded by Commissioner <b>Wright</b>

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date