

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

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

Absent: Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, Commissioner **Hugley**

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

Public: None

Agenda Item	Discussion <i>(brief summary)</i>	Action <i>(and by whom)</i>
Meeting called to order	6:03 pm Called to order	Secretary Donna Campbell
Roll Call	10 Present and 2 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	None	
Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda for April 3, 2013 was approved.	Moved by Commissioner Wright , seconded by Commissioner Clark
	Minutes for April 3, 2013 were approved.	Moved by Commissioner DelGado , seconded by Commissioner Wright
Treasurer's Report	Commissioner Jones mentioned that certain line items are still at 100% and asked about transferring funds. She also pointed out deficits in the budget. Executive Director mentioned that expenditures have been made since the report had been distributed and some of the expenditures are not reflected. Subscriptions, has been filled and Commissioner have received the book "The New Jim Crow". Mail/postage costs that have been encumbered but the cost will not be reflected until the end of the year. Promotional	

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	<p>supply items have been purchased but are not reflected in this month's budget. The Commissioners will need to make a decision on how to proceed with the consulting process; funds are there so the board will need to discuss consulting. Commissioner DelGado suggested that the Commission use some funds for a "Commission Meet and Greet" as a way of getting more commissioners on the AAAC board.</p>	
Chair Report	<p>The Chairman, Dr. Pierre-Louis was unable to attend but asked Commissioner Campbell to mention to the Commission the importance of attending all AAAC meetings and being more viable. He asked that the Commissioners try to attend the upcoming book signing event at Stowe Center on May 30, 2013. He also would like to implement a follow up letter that would be sent to all participants who attend and share public comments during the commission meetings. The letter would be a follow up letting them know how we plan to proceed. Congratulations were given to Commissioner Hugley and others involved in putting together the last commission meeting at Gateway Community College, it was a great success.</p>	
E.D. Report	<p>The Executive Director attended a School Safety Conference. The topic was on what schools need to do to keep schools safe. The speaker stressed the need to look more closely at bullying and the need to focus of this issue to avoid further school violence.</p> <p>The Executive Director attended a round table in Waterbury which was hosted by Representative Elizabeth Esty to discuss immigration issues. Several Organizations attended and shared feelings on the immigration bill. Discussing this issue, Commissioner Clark suggested that the commission utilize "survey monkey" or our social network to periodically get the public's thoughts on immigration and other key issues in the community. She mentioned the need to let our</p>	

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	<p>communities know that they can come to the AAAC when there is an immigration issue and know that we will be a voice for them. Commissioner DelGado suggested the need to collect statistics. Commissioners DelGado, Canterbury and Jones will collaborate with their Community Issues Committee Chairman Hugley and get back to the commission at the next meeting with information on how to proceed with gathering statistics.</p> <p>Mr. Cassis mentioned that all commissions will stay put, does not appear that changes will be made. Testimony was written and submitted on behalf of the appointment of Theresa Staten, State Board of Education and testimony for Dr, Sandy Dennis for the appointment on the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Internal Affairs Committee</u> – Commissioner Campbell discussed the need for clarity of the roles of the Executive Director, Commissioners and staff. She mentioned that Commissioner Thompson has been working on ways of advertising the commission and getting information out about the AAAC and what the commission does. She suggested that the commission move forward with a follow up mini-retreat.</p> <p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> – Commissioner Wright praised Denise Drummond for an outstanding job putting together the Classic Awards. He informed the commission that \$10,529.00 had been received, with a carryover of \$2,297.00, giving the commission a total of \$12,826.00. The expenditures for the event are \$11,103.00. He noted that there is a commitment of \$1,500.00 that had not yet been received. Commissioner Wright distributed copies of the program and informed the commissioners what roles they will have on the program.</p>	

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	<p><u>Public Relations Committee</u> – Commissioner Clark has uploaded the Classic Awards information onto the AAAC face book page. She will be uploading all bios and photos of the honorees. Commissioner Clark will contact WQTQ to see if they will announce the upcoming event. She continues to update the face book page daily.</p>	
Resolutions	None	
Old Business	None	
New Business	Commissioners discussed creating a standard letter on behalf of the AAAC Commission to be sent to different events that the commission attends or may not attend or for any other occasion to show the Commissions support.	
Legislative Agenda		
Upcoming Events	<p>May 4, 2013 - First Annual Awards Luncheon hosted by the Black Pilots of America at 12:00 in Groton, CT at the Groton Embassy.</p> <p>May 14, 2013 CHRO 70th Anniversary at the State Capitol at 1:00 in the Old Judiciary Room.</p> <p>May 17, 2013 AAAC Classic Awards – Legislative Office Building at 6:30.</p>	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:52 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner Clark

Respectfully Submitted



 Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by

 Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date