

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

Present: Commissioner **Campbell**, Commissioner **Canterbury**, Commissioner **Darity**, Commissioner **DelGado**, Commissioner **Harris**, Commissioner **Hugley**, Commissioner **Pierre-Louis**, and Commissioner **Wright**

Absent: Commissioner **Clark**, Commissioner **Jones** Commissioner **McBride**, and Commissioner **Washington**

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

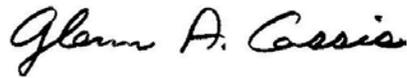
Public: **Tanya A. Hughes from the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities**
 Tom Maziarz and David Elder from the Connecticut Department of Transportation

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Meeting called to order	6:01 pm Called to order	Chairman Dr. Fred Pierre-Louis
Roll Call	11 Present and 2 absent	Executive Director Glenn Cassis
Public Comment	<p>Executive Director, Cassis started the meeting by introducing the Commission's new Legislative Analyst, Subira Gordon. Ms. Gordon thanked the Commission for the opportunity and shared her vision and direction for the Commission.</p> <p>Interim Director, Tanya A. Hughes from the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities came to touch base with the AAAC. She talked about her history with CHRO and talked about the direction CHRO is headed.</p> <p>Tom Maziarz and David Elder from the Connecticut Department of Transportation presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining their transportation initiative. Governor Malloy has asked the department to do a full assessment of Connecticut's existing transportation system, to find out how well it is meeting the state's current and future needs, should more be invested in the system and if so, how should it be invested. The DOT wants input from all</p>	

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	<p>communities. They would like the AAAC to assist them in engaging the African-American community by helping to raise the level of awareness. The Commission was helpful in sharing a list of agencies and organizations that would be beneficial to the DOT. The Commission will work with DOT by sharing the information via social media, email distribution and the AAAC website.</p>	
Consent Agenda	<p>Consent Agenda - Budget Report, Approval of October 2013 Minutes, Executive Committee Reports.</p>	<p>Moved by Commissioner Canterbury, seconded by Commissioner Wright</p>
Chair Report	<p>Dr. Pierre-Louis congratulated Commissioner Harris on being re-elected to Bloomfield's Board of Education. He mentioned that former Senator Harp is now the new Mayor of New Haven.</p>	
E.D. Report	<p>Executive Director mentioned that work has begun on the 2014 Legislative Agenda. He mentioned that Doreen Richardson, speaker from the last meeting, was not re-elected to the Windsor Board of Education. She along with Dr. Marlon Jones attended the State Board of Education meeting that he attended on November 6th in the Legislative Office Building. Dr. Jones shared the results of the analysis that he conducted on Windsor High School's achievement gap. Mr. Cassis will continue to follow up with the situation in Windsor.</p>	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Classic Awards Committee</u> – Commissioner Wright mentioned that the committee will begin the process within the next few weeks and he will update the commission at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Community Issues</u> – Commissioner Hugley shared that the Trust Act was signed by the Governor, a law not allowing law enforcement to hold immigrants for minor infractions. The driver's license bill will go into effect, allowing immigrants to obtain a license.</p>	

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Resolutions	<p>175. WHEREAS, That the African-American Affairs Commission (AAAC) will assist the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity (CHRO) by being a co-sponsor of the Racial Profiling Town Hall Meeting focused on preventing and reporting racial profiling on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Career High School (140 Legion Ave., N.H.) The AAAC will assist by being part of the panel, and by promoting the event by sending announcements through the list serve and posting on the website and Facebook page.</p> <p>176. WHEREAS, the African-American Affairs Commission Bylaws mandate that a meeting schedule be set for each calendar year and meets on the first Wednesday of each month or as otherwise duly noted the meeting schedule for 2014 is as follows: Meetings will be held in room 1B of the Legislative Office Building the first Wednesday of each month, with the exception of the month of June which will be held on June 18th. There will be no meeting during the summer months of July and August.</p>	Moved by Commissioner Harris , seconded by Commissioner Wright
Old Business	None	
New Business	Executive Director mentioned that the AAA Scholarship Resources and Information Guide will be available by the end of the week. The book will be incorporated with CT College Goal Sunday. CGS will be held January 26, 2014.	
Legislative Agenda	No Report	
Upcoming Events	None	
Adjournment	Adjourned at 7:15 PM	Moved by Commissioner Wright seconded by Commissioner Harris

Respectfully Submitted



Glenn A. Cassis, Executive Director

Approved by

Donna Campbell, Secretary /Date