

2016 Commission 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes
251-S Lt. Governor's Conference Room
Thursday, January 14th 2016
12:00 – 3:00

Call to Order and Welcome

KAAAC Chairman (Coggs) called the meeting to order at **12:45**

Roll Call

Present-Commissioners Maxwell, Breathett, Coggs, Elmore, New, Houston

Absent- Commissioner Love

Chairman's Opening Comments

Commissioner Coggs:

Welcomed the new Executive Director (ED Cox)

Commended KAAAC commissioners for an excellent MLK Program and expressed her gratitude for everyone's hard work.

Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting in 2015 were not read.

Discussion: A recap about the preparations for the 2016 MLK event.

Commissioner District Reports/Updates: no official reports from Commissioner

ACTION ITEM: In order to get a better understanding of the different districts and the activities, the Chair would like ED Cox to schedule a meeting with each KAAAC Commissioner.

Commissioners debrief about the 2016 MLK Event.

The Governor's Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Celebration.

The ceremonial march began at 10:30am at the south steps of the Capitol.

Program started at 11:00 am - 1st Floor Capitol Rotunda

Theme: *Securing the Dream through Mentoring and Black Male Achievement.*

Keynote Speaker: Commissioner/Pastor Sherdeill Breathett Real Men Real Heroes, Wichita (District-4)

Governor Brownback mentioned during his speech the need to have the Brown Mural completed.

Discussion: How can KAAAC help to connect existing mentoring programs?

- My Brother's Keeper roundtable convening in Topeka: organize a panel discussion, resource / networking fair, grant funding initiative to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.
- ED Cox will need to contact Rachel Henderson (Special Projects and Programs VISTA, Kansas Mentors), Cherri Faunce(?) & Brittany Crabtree (ED-Kansas Volunteer Commission)

Executive Director Update: Activities highlights

- Building on the effort to improve the quality and effectiveness of the Commission, ED Cox believes it is important to get all of the Commission's meeting dates scheduled for the year. KAAAC Program Administrator will be sending out a survey to determine what day of the week works best. Moving forward the commission should try and schedule the dates for the next year's quarterly commission meetings during the annual planning retreat.
- The current KAAAC Program Administrator (PA) will be staying on full time until the end of January, transitioning to part-time and concluding her employment with the KAAAC on February 26th, 2016. This transition plan should help the new ED to become somewhat familiar with the day to day operations of KAAAC.
ED Cox would like to organize an official "thank you" from KAAAC for the PA. ED Cox and each KAAAC Commissioner agreed to make a monetary donation for a card and gift.
- Update Brochure: ED Cox will be working on updating the KAAAC brochure.
- Manage Facebook Account: ED will have the KAAAC Program Administrator to add her to the face book page.
- Schedule official photos of Commissioner Love, & Dr. New for the website
- KAAAC ED scheduled meetings with Kansas Agencies:
Brandon Smith, Governor's Policy Director
Interim Secretary Tim Keck, Department on Aging & Disability Services
Adrienne Foster, Executive Director of the Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission
Colonel Mark Bruce, Superintendent of the Highway Patrol
Interim Secretary Johnny Goddard, Department of Corrections
Secretary Nick Jordan, Department of Revenue
Secretary Mike King, Department of Transportation
Acting Secretary Antonio Soave, Department of Commerce
Secretary Lana Gordon, Department of Labor
Brittany Crabtree, Executive Director of the Volunteer Commission

KAAAC Initiatives for 2016

- KLETC- *Fair and Impartial Policing* 2016 update: ED Cox and Commissioner Love will be meeting with KLETC in February to solidify final planning preparations for the KS District-3 *Fair and Impartial Policing Community Advisory Board Trainings*---Johnson County - March 16-17, 2016 ---- Wyandotte County - March 14-15, 2016
- Statewide Listening Tours- "*Coffee with the KAAAC Commissioners*" (?)
ED Cox discussed scheduling roundtables or listening tours to get a better pulse of what concerns the Kansas AA communities in Kansas. ED Cox thinks that we can be more impactful if KAAAC was to partner with Kansas Black Leadership Council (KBLC), The Community Voice (TCV), and Kansas State Conference of NAACP Branches.
Discussion: KAAAC board recommends that the ED defer the scheduling a tour for this year and concentrate her efforts on the organizational management of the KAAAC.
Issue to be revisited during the annual retreat

➤ 2017 Calendar of Events

***due to time constraints this Item will be discussed in detail during next meeting (2nd quarter)**

➤ Old Business

➤ New Business

➤ Announcements

➤ Adjournment **3:00 PM**