



Kansas African American Affairs Commission

December General Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Landon State Office Building (LSOB) 102E

Tuesday, December 09, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** at 10:29 a.m. by Harriett Johnson, Chairperson
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guests: Commissioners Present:** C. Whitten, H. Johnson, J. Barfield, N. Terrell, V. Knight, Present. D. Dandridge, Absent **Staff Present:** M. Edwards, T. White
- III. **Correspondence** No correspondence
- IV. **Minutes** Reading of the November 09, 2010 General Meeting minutes

- a. **Acceptance of the Minutes**

Commissioner Whitten moved to approve the November 09, 2010 minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Terrell.

- V. **Chairmans Report**

- a. KS Broadband advisory taskforce appointee - H. Johnson reported that on December 10th, the Drop In Commission will meet to discuss funding sources. They have been asked for recovery methods in the school districts to assist in projects like the alternative school and GED funds for District 501. Governor Parkinson asked the Commission to look for sources to keep the Commission active and be available to present those to the new administration. She expressed her concern that the most influential component to that Commission was missing and that component was school counselors. Commissioners Johnson expressed a need for school counselors to be added to the Kansas Commission on Graduation Drop Out Prevention and Recovery given the many social needs of students that contribute to the drop out rate. J. Williams suggested she recommend to the Commission to amend the bylaws to reflect a minimum of the seats be filled with school counselors or people from disadvantaged populations.

Working Lunch 11:30 a.m. - Catered by Cameron's Fish Market and Soulfood

- VI. **Board Governance – No Presentation**

- VII. **ED's Update – M. Edwards**

- a. **General Fund and Budget Review** – Discussion regarding the pre-paid travel expenditures for CBC was held. The pre-paid amount was more than the actual amount expended as the ED did not stay the previously requested days. A refund was issued from the hotel.
- b. **Cultivation (4), Collaboration (16) and Administration (22)** – activities were reported since the November 09, 2010 meeting.
- c. **Strategic Plan Update**

- a. **Strategy 1:** Finalized the State of AA in KS research targeted issues for project. Writing has commenced.
 - i. Employment: Barriers to include justice, education and credit score challenges.
 - ii. Social Services: TANF recipient demographics and Foster Care rates.
 - iii. Education: Second grade reading scores and readiness. Secured Dr. Darby at KU for the forward.
 - iv. Business Development: Opportunities for capacity building and for small to mid-level contracts demographics in KS
 - v. Health: Tobacco use and Obesity. Obtained Secretary Bremby's forward.
- b. **Strategy 2:** Updates to twitter and Facebook are ongoing. Talent Pool application, Performance Troop, and new Bio and headshot provided to intern for posting to website. Post legislative scorecard completed; quarterly newsletter under development. Working on SB511 revision and waiting for next committee hearing; Met w/Senator Brownlee while attending the Broadband Summit.
- c. **Strategy 3:** Partnerships with state agencies continue to grow and opportunities for collaboration abound. See Collaboration section above.
- d. **Strategy 4:** Hosted a discussion and need to follow up with Ed O'Malley at KS Leadership Ctr.
- e. **Strategy 5:** Partnerships with community based organizations/agencies continue to grow and opportunities for collaboration abound. See Collaboration section above.
- f. **Strategy 6:** Funding for program events/opportunities is being identified through Kansas Humanities Council

Other Projects:

- Gates Foundation Broadband Grant application toolkit development chairperson
- KS150 The Kansas African American History Trail document development w/Angela Bates
- KS150 African American Artist Performance Bureau
- KS150 Savor Topeka planning
- KAAAC Talent Pool for KS Boards
- TABSE Program and Constitution/Bylaws Committee
- Safe Streets Topeka - Character Recognition Committee
- GTFORP quarterly progress reports
- WSU Graduation Regent representative
- Keynote speaker for the WG Williams Foundation Annual Meeting
- Keynote speaker for WSU Office of Minority Affairs Black History Month Program
- PSU Michael Tilford conference keynote speaker

E.D. reminded the commission they need to create a subcommittee to review by-laws. She also suggested the commission draft position statements to take with them to their respective committees and commissions.

J.Barfield asked if an annual report would be submitted and if we something to submit to the incoming legislation. The ED said she will develop both. The legislative agenda items, position statements on the strategic plan for our January meeting.

VIII. Special Assistants Report - T. White

- a. **November 10, 2010** - Approved updates to website which included the About us link, the update of Dr. Edwards biography, the addition of Dr. Terrell and Veronica Knights biographies. The past meeting minutes and agendas have been submitted and updated. Our calendar has been updated.
- b. **November 12, 2010** – Confirmed 1st Presbyterian Church for MLK Day Celebration for Thursday, January 13, 2011 as well as group ARISE to minister in music.
 - i. **November 19, 2010** - Attended Blue ribbon Panel Meeting on Infant Mortality and participated in the panel regarding Access to Health Care and Social Supports Logic Model. Information can be obtained at http://www.datacounts.net/infant_mortality/
- c. **November 22, 2010** – Angela Bates regarding Retro Baseball Games for Savor Kansas. Possible weekend of June 11,2011
- d. **November 29, 2010** – Kathleen Sebellius at KSU speaking on Health Reform
- e. **November 30, 2010** – Talked to Teresa Covert regarding cookies for KAAAC/KHLAAC open house January 27, 2010.
- f. **December 1, 2010 – TABSE meeting** –They are working at reestablishing KABSE. They have not been active for the past 2 years. TABSE will be meeting Dec. 11th 10-2 in Wichita to discuss conference this summer. NABSE will meet in Kansas City in 2014 so they want KABSE well established and active by then.
- g. **December 4, 2010** – Sherri Best on confirmation of African Americans in, Kansas documentation and alternate Museum sites for artwork for Savor Kansas.
- h. **December 7, 2010** - Discussed Savor Kansas with Kathy Smith.
- i. KAAAC Christmas card was designed and presented to commission for approval.

IX. Intern Projects – S. Bryant has been working on our website, has gathered the new Links we want added, updated the Tabs to give them a fresh look. He has been meeting with our IT/Website coordinators and supplying the requested information for a smooth update. He has also been working in conjunction w/Washburn University’s Media Department to assist us in maintaining and updating our website as part of their curricula for next semester.

X. Announcements –

- V.Knights daughter is participating in Delta Jabba Walk and requested supporting ads. The Commission will submit an ad upon request.
- State Holiday – December 24, 2010
- Vacation Days for Staff – December 23 and December 30, 2010

XI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm by H. Johnson, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted by,

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