

KAAAC

Kansas African American Affairs Commission

October General Meeting Minutes (Approved)

Landon State Building (LSOB), Room 102E

Thursday, October 7, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** at 10:32 am, by Jerome Williams Vice-Chairperson
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Guests: Commissioners Present:** N. Terrell, J. Williams, V. Knight, C. Whitten, Commissioner J. Barfield arrived at 12:41 pm. **Commissioners Absent:** H. Johnson, Chairperson. **Staff Present:** M. Edwards, T. White

III. **Correspondence** Handouts disseminated, no items needed attention

IV. **Minutes** Reading of the September 09, 2010 General Meeting minutes

a. **Acceptance of the Minutes**

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

V. **Chairmans Report** in H. Johnsons absence M. Edwards announced that KHLAAC's E.D. is no longer with the State and that Norma Hinton will continue in her absence until a new ED has been hired.

VI. **Board Governance** Commissioner N. Terrell will report at the next general meeting scheduled for November 09, 2010

VII. **ED's Update** (30 min.)

Mildred Edwards

- a. **General Fund and Budget Review** - Dept. of Administration unable to prepare a report. There are some administrative changes and they are currently working to develop a report for the November General Meeting.
- b. **Cultivation(6), Collaboration(9) and Administration(23)** activities were reported since the September 09, 2010 meeting.
- c. **Strategic Plan Update** – Asked N. Terrell if he would write the foreword for Employment and he agreed
 - a. **Other Projects – N.Terrell asked** if as commissioners they should meet with the Black Caucus and M.Edwards suggested a meeting be set up after they convene in January and present to the Black Caucus the State of African Americans in Kansas document and get their buy in on the project.
 - Gates Foundation Broadband Grant application toolkit development meets October 25, 2011 in Wichita, KS
 - NAACP State Health Chair and Eliminate Racism conference planning committee for Topeka Chapter date was changed from October 09, 2010 to October 30, 2010
 - KS150 The Kansas African American History Trail document development w/Angela Bates

- KS150 African American Artist Performance Bureau
- KAAAC Talent Pool for KS Boards
- KS150 Savor Topeka planning
- TABSE Program and Constitution/By-Laws Committee - We need to get information on our local chapters so we can collaborate focusing on grades 3-5, 6-8 and high school. J. Williams said he will try to reach the WABSE contact and have them contact M. Edwards to get contact information for the Kansas ABSE
- Safe Streets Topeka planning
- GTFORP quarterly progress reports and asked permission to assist with the Grant for GTFORP since the KHLAAC ED is gone. C.Whitten said since he is a Co-Chair he would recommend to the GTFORP that M. Edwards be allowed to step in until another person is designated. J. Williams said he did not think there would be an issue as long as a replacement was found by January 2011. C.Whitten said he did not see an issue with that deadline and would recommend to the committee M. Edwards assist as long as a replacement was found by January 2011. The commission agreed .
- Keynote speaker for the WG Williams Foundation Annual Meeting
- Homeboy Industries seminar - J.Williams asked for copies of any materials distributed at the seminar.

VIII. Special Assistants Report (20 min.)

Tolla White

1. Special Projects:

- a. **Friday, September 17' 2010** - I attended Governor's Day at the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, KS.
- b. 7:15 – 8:00 am I attended Breakfast w/the Governor where he revealed the new US Postal staff representing the State of Kansas.
- c. At 11:15 am I attended the Dillon Lecture Series at Hutchinson Community College as part of Governor's Day. He discussed the growth of non white residents in the State of Kansas for the next 50 years and how it affects disparities in the communities in regards to Latino and African Americans. 12:00 pm attended the luncheon for Q&A portion of the Dillon Lecture Series.

September 21, 2010 contacted Prisca Barnes of the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, KS regarding getting art work for Savor Kansas in 2011.

September 22, 2010 met with D. Bryan Hayes regarding his role in coordinating sporting events for Savor Kansas and his planning for Kansas Black Expo to be hosted in Topeka in 2011.

- a. Also, discussed art contacts, retro Negro baseball game, sporting events, etc. with Kathy Smith – Savor Kansas.

September 29, 2010 – Discussed with Carole Branda of the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, KS regarding art work for the Savor Kansas event June of 2011. They are willing to lend art work to be displayed in an Art Gallery environment for the festivities in June.

September 30, 2010 - Attended **CASE** Inaugural celebration. **Community Advocates for Social Enrichment, Inc.** is a program designed to help at risk young men ages 14-17 to succeed. The **Man's School** designed to help them in school and graduate and the **LEAD's** Program – **Latino Empowerment and Development Program** all designed to impart leadership skills and community pride. They teach

various networking, social and economic tools to help them succeed in high school and post secondary education.

2. Intern Projects – Shawn is currently working in conjunction with administrative services to update our websites. We are still in need of Mini biographies from each commissioner. We currently have only 1 respond with a biography. J. Barfield stated he submitted one years ago, but it was determined it was before this current staff and we would need another one from him. Each commissioner will submit a bio before the next meeting.

VIII. Announcements - Accounting changes – According to Ken Mendoza the State is requiring anyone requesting a reimbursement to supply their banking information to avoid their reimbursements from being applied to a prepaid debit card. If you do not want to give us your routing information, then reimbursements will be issued via debit card. These cards are charged a fee for ATM withdrawals. –

T. White

N. Terrell said he would like Community College Advisory Boards to contact all Post-secondary Presidents and request recommendation for an African American staff member to be the liaison between their school and KAAAC and represent KAAAC on their campus as needed due to schedule and/or travel restrictions or conflicts.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 1:22 pm by Vice Chair J. Williams

Respectfully Submitted,

Tolla White
Special Assistant to the Executive Director

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