

Kansas African American Affairs Commission Meeting

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Friday, December 4th 2020

11:00 pm- 3:00 pm

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome**
- II. **Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioner Mark E. McCormick**
**See attached Bio*
- III. **Chairman's Opening Comments**
- IV. **Public Comment**
- V. **Minutes – Approve** Friday, September 25th, 2020
- VI. **Special Guest:** Governor Laura Kelly
- VII. **Brief Commissioner District Reports/Update**
- VIII. **Brief Executive Director Update**
- IX. **MLK 2021 Update**
- X. **74-9906. Appointment of technical advisors and assistants.**
The executive director of the advisory commission may appoint, subject to the approval of the advisory commission and the governor, technical advisors and assistants to develop, assist and cooperate with local organizations and associations on African-American concerns.
- XI. **2021 Legislative Agenda /KAAAC Areas of Focus**
Schools and Educational Opportunity
Health and Safe Communities
Economic Opportunity and Asset Building
Criminalization and Social Justice
Civic Leadership and Advocacy
- XII. **Old Business**
- XIII. **New Business**
- XIV. **Announcements**
- XV. **Adjournment**

About Commissioner Mark E. McCormick



Mark E. McCormick is the Director of Strategic Communications for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Kansas.

Previously, he served as the Executive Director of the Kansas African American Museum in Wichita, Kansas.

Mark is a New York Times best-selling author with over 20 years of experience as a reporter, editor, and columnist. He serves as a trustee at the University of Kansas School of Journalism and has served as a Professional in Residence at the University of Oklahoma.

He is the proud recipient of over 20 industry and community awards, including three gold medals from the Kansas City Press Club. In 2015, Mark co-authored *African Americans of Wichita* and in 2017, he published *Some Were Paupers, Some Were Kings: Dispatches from Kansas*.

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