Minutes of the Meeting: 1 March 2024

Kansas African American Affairs Commission Monthly Meeting: March 1, 2024, 1:30 pm   
Meeting held via Zoom

1. Call to Order, 1:32 pm by Chairman McCormick
2. Roll Call – Present: Commissioners Davis, Lewis, McCormick, McRoy, New, Penn, Westbrook, and Director Knoell
3. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting – Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner McRoy seconded, Commissioner Penn abstained, all else voted yes.
4. Old Business
   1. Approving proposed change to the bylaws
   2. Proposed language change: New Language: “Section 4.1 The duties and responsibilities of the KAAAC are listed in the statute (K.S.A. 74-9905). The commission will determine its strategic focus annually based on the needs of the African American Community.”
   3. The resulting discussion clarified that when the bylaws are posted electronically on the website, there will be a hyperlink to the statute.
   4. Vote to accept the wording change – Commissioner Davis moved to accept, Commissioner Westbrook seconded, vote: Commissioner Penn abstained, all else yes. Motion carried.
5. New Business
   1. Proposed language change:
   2. Article V, Sections 5.1-5.6 “The appointments process for commissioners is addressed in (K.S.A. 74-9902 and 74-9903).” WITH HYPERLINK TO THE STATUTE, Commissioner McRoy moved, and Commissioner Davis seconded, motion passed unanimously.
   3. Section 5.9 Resignation - KAAAC commissioners who find themselves unable for a period defined as three consecutive unexcused meetings of the commission or more than 50% of such meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the commission, effective immediately. Moved, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Lewis seconded the vote. Motion passed unanimously.
   4. There was a discussion concerning how to handle Commissioner absences due to service in the military. Director Knoell will consult with the Governor’s Office legal department for best practices in this area and report back at the next meeting.
6. Announcements
   1. Leadership Brunches around the state
   2. June 29, Wichita
   3. July 20, Topeka
   4. August 24, JOCO/WYCO
   5. September 21, Lawrence
   6. October 19, Manhattan/JC
7. Adjournment – Commissioner Davis moved, Commissioner McRoy seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm