Minutes of the KAAAC Monthly Meeting for August 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm by Chairman Mark McCormick

Present: Davis, New, Penn, Westbrook, McCormick, Knoell

Absent: Lewis, McRoy

The only order of business taken up was to establish sub-committee assignments. Chairman McCormick noted the difficulties of having 7 committees listed in the by-laws while having only 7 members on the Commission as a whole. Commissioner New reiterated the idea that commissioners can bring in technical advisors to help fill out any committees.

Commissioners volunteered for the following committees:

* McCormick – executive committee and business and economic development, public affairs
* New – public affairs, education, legislative
* Westbrook – public affairs, education, legislative, budget
* Davis – special projects, public affairs, legislative, economic development
* Penn – legislative, educational, budget

This list should be taken as preliminary as two commissioners were absent, and each committee will need a chairperson. The discussion of committees will be ongoing.

Executive Director Knoell has been approached by the Black Entrepreneurs of the Flint Hills to sponsor their second annual Black & Bankable Business Summit. There was a related discussion surrounding how sponsorships have been and should be handled. Commissioners Penn and Westbrook preferred waiting until the whole board was present to vote on sponsorship, but having a quorum present, the group proceeded.

After discussing the sponsorship levels, the commission unanimously voted to sponsor the event at the $500 level with that money coming out of the Kansas Health Foundation grant fund.

Executive Director Knoell had one announcement concerning the KAAAC town hall to take place at the Board v. Brown National Education Center on Saturday, August 12, at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Penn seconded.