



SC Commission for Minority Affairs Board of Commissioners Meeting
Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 AM by Chairman Kenneth Battle.

Attendee Name	Present	Late	Absent
Dr. Delores Dacosta	X		
Chairman Kenneth Battle		X	
Chief Bill Harris	X		
Dr. Lamont Flowers	X		
Ms. Karen McGill		X	
Mr. Juwan Ayers	X		
Rev. Michelle Law-Gordon			X
Ms. Andrea Sancho-Baker		X	
Ms. Tammie Hall-Wilson			X

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion made by Chairman Kenneth Battle and seconded by Juwan Ayers, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board is asked to table the October and December 2019 Board Meeting Minutes until the fourth quarter. **Approved**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Comments and observations — Ms. Karen McGill recognized the CMA staff for increasing outreach efforts during COVID-19.

Ms. Karen McGill shared the value in Cynthia Haddad's research for released/incarcerated individuals. **Cynthia expressed that the report would be ready to submit to the Board by April 23rd, 2020.**

Dr. Delores Dacosta shared that the CMA has already collected information from the COVID-19 and natural disaster survey. **Chairman Kenneth Battle suggested that the survey be provided to local Council and Government.**

Dr. Delores Dacosta briefed the Commissioners on the following:

3. Current Budget Report— Dr. Delores Dacosta shared that CMA’s budget indicates that CMA has \$714,831.00 in the budget that will comfortably last the division until June 2020.
4. 2020/2021 Budget Update— Dr. Delores Dacosta shared that the Hispanic/Latino Affairs division is the only division that has its separate fund at this time but she will strive to separate the other Minority Affairs departments.
5. Telework Schedule— Dr. Delores Dacosta shared that all CMA members are required to submit weekly activity reports. These reports will be shared with the Board and ultimately shared with LOC to demonstrate the division’s progress.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

1. Brenton Brown— Shared the current efforts of the Program managers in getting information out to the minority groups as it relates to COVID-19 and the Census.
2. Cynthia Haddad— Shared that there have been a large amount of applicants for the Hemp permit and that she is working closely with that team to obtain a report on the applicants (i.e., race, nationality, county, etc.)
3. Marcy— Shared that the Pine Hill Indian Development Organization was already recognized by the Board back in December 2019 and that she is checking in to ensure that they receive access to grants.
4. Dr. Cuddy Carter— Shared data indicating that new COVID-19 cases are decreasing in South Carolina as it compares to Georgia and the issues with data collection in Georgia.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chairman Kenneth Battle expressed his concern with keeping up with all of South Carolina’s online schools. **Dr. Delores Dacosta stated that she would as sign a member of CMA to keep track of them and share with the Board.**

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion made by Chairman Kenneth Battle, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Andrea Flores
Front Desk Coordinator