



SC Commission for Minority Affairs Board of Commissioners Meeting
Meeting Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 at 10:02 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Chairman Kenneth Battle.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late
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

****Notable Attendees: Alana Grant (CMA), Alex Tovar (CMA), Anthony Brockington (CMA), Brenton Brown (CMA), Cynthia Haddad (CMA), Hannah Bauer (CMA), Ivan Segura (CMA), Jerry Francis (CMA), LaTonya Franklin (CMA), Margaret Tillman (CMA), Raphael Ofendo-Reyes (CMA), Dr. Robert Fenton (CMA) and Shireese Bell (CMA) and Tim McCray (CMA).**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion made by Karen McGill and seconded by Andrea Sancho-Baker the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda. **Approved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2021 Minutes were approved by Michelle Law-Gordon and seconded by Juwan Ayers. **Approved.**

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Chairman Kenneth Battle briefly discussed that he submitted a request to resign as chair and representative of the 1st Congressional district.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Report – Dr. Delores Dacosta shared that it appears as if the 2021 budget for CMA has been approved with an additional \$200,000. She also shared that she has submitted the documents needed for a new space for the agency.
2. Process to Fill Vacant Board Seats – Dr. Dacosta indicated that there is no formal process for vacant seats but there is a point of contact where resumes can be submitted and that the General Assembly may not approve of anyone until January 2022.
3. Legislative Update – Brenton Brown discussed legislative updates that are taking place in South Carolina including COVID-19, open carry, public education and the state's budget. Dr. Dacosta shared that the Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification division is pending action and did not come up to final vote. A decision is expected to be made in September 2021.
4. Program Managers Reports– Ivan Segura shared that the Hispanic/Latino division is focusing on COVID-19 for the community and agricultural workers as well as planning for CMA's Hispanic Heritage Month social media campaign. Ivan also mentioned that the South Carolina Centro Latino, a new center for Latino/a students, instructors, and staff will open at USC Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina. SCCL will work to make USC-Upstate the university of choice for Latino student recruitment, retention, and advocate for Latino communities. Anthony Brockington shared the progress he has made in developing his advisory board as well as creating MOU's with organizations that support Small/Minority owned businesses such as the Small Business Administration (SBA).

NOTABLE ITEMS

1. Co-chair for Board of Commissioners – Dr. Dacosta shared that the Board of Commissions must vote to determine who the co-chair would be and if so, the voting is anticipated to take place in the last Board of Commissioners meeting of 2021.
2. Final Vote on By-laws – The Board of Commissioners unanimously voted on passing the by-laws. **Approved. A copy of the by-laws will be sent to the governor's office.**
3. Chairman's Presentation of the Envision Program – Chairman Battle shared the Envision program with the Board of Commissioners and how it will assist individuals with ways to work their ways out of poverty.

4. Addressing Issues of Importance in Minority Communities – Dr. Dacosta asked that the Board of Commissioners assist with creating an “issues document” for CMA staff to begin investigating and/or work on improving. She is looking to have this document shared with local governments as well as legislators with the hope to address these particular issues.

5. Engaging Constituents – Dr. Delores Dacosta discussed that she would like the commissioners to engage more with their constituents through speaking engagements and/or events hosted by CMA.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chairman Kenneth Battle shared that the Waccamaw exhibit in the Horry County Museum was done extremely well and that Chief Hatcher appreciated CMA’s support with the exhibit.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion made by Michelle Law-Gordon and seconded by Juwan Ayers, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Flores". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Flores
Administrative Coordinator