



SC Commission for Minority Affairs Board of Commissioners Meeting
Meeting Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 at 10:00 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), Cynthia Haddad (CMA), Ivan Segura (CMA), Jerry Francis (CMA), Hannah Bauer (CMA), LaTonya Franklin (CMA), Margaret Tillman (CMA), Mauricio Orozco (CMA), Raphael Ofendo-Reyes (CMA), Robert, Fenton (CMA), Shireese Bell (CMA), and Tim McCray (CMA).**

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion made by Juwan Ayers and seconded by Tammie Hall-Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December Minutes were approved by Karen McGill and seconded by Andrea Sancho-Baker. **Approved.**

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

Chairman Kenneth Battle briefly shared that he is working on an Envision project (further details to be shared later). Also, Juwan Ayers shared that he had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Robert Fenton and is excited to see that work that he will produce for the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Report – Dr. Dacosta shared that budget request has been included in the House Ways and Means bill and is confident that the new budget will be approved. The 2021 budget will include additional funds to lease a new building specifically for CMA.
2. Legislative Update (notes by Brenton Brown) – Rep. Lucas Atkinson introduced the bill to transfer the S.C. Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification and Sen. John Scott has shown support for this transfer as well. Additionally, the CMA name change bill is pending as it has been reintroduced by Rep. Govan.
3. Microsoft Hack (presented by Mauricio Orozco) – Mauricio Orozco discussed the HAFNIUM attack on Microsoft, how it transpired and how State IT is actively working towards protecting the State's most valuable information. Mauricio also reported that although Microsoft reported that no data was stolen, State IT is still monitoring the attempted attack and making changes to improve security.
4. Staff Changes – Dr. Dacosta introduces CMA's new Director of Research, Dr. Robert Fenton, Jerry Francis (Native American Affairs), to the Board of Commissioners.
5. Program Manager Report (presented by Jerry Francis, Native American Affairs) – Jerry Francis shared updates from the Native American Affairs division including house cleaning of older documents, meeting with tribal members and the development of a Disability Resource Guide for minority communities.
6. Program Manager Report (presented by Ivan Segura, Hispanic/Latino Affairs) – Ivan Segura shared updates from the Hispanic/Latino Affairs division including continued effort against COVID-19, rental assistance, unemployment and a DHEC Latino group.

NOTABLE ITEMS

7. Bylaws Update – Karen McGill, Andrea Sancho-Baker and Tammie Hall-Wilson discussed the newly created bylaws for the Board of Commissioners and covered any items of concern or interest. The Board collaborated on making final changes to the bylaws
8. House Bill 3002 – Karen McGill referenced the bill that Cynthia Haddad had shared with the Board and how it would impact the mission of the South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation. **Dr. Dacosta will task Brenton Brown to reach out to CMA's contacts with the Legislative Black Caucus to further investigate the bill and obtain the full picture on the bill.**

CLOSING REMARKS

Future Board Meetings – Dr. Dacosta stated that as of now, she will continue to host the Board of Commissioners meetings over Zoom until a new space is acquired for CMA, she will also be keeping them virtual due to COVID-19 – this will be revisited after July 2021.

Chairman Kenneth Battle shared that he has been working with a team and started a non-profit called the Economic Continuity Alliance.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion made by Karen McGill and seconded by Tammie Hall-Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 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