



SC Commission for Minority Affairs Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Meeting Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 at 10:01 AM

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Chairwoman Karen McGill.

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

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

**Guest:** Kenneth Battle

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon the motion made by Andrea Sancho-Baker and seconded by Chief Bill Harris the Board voted to unanimously approve the June 2021 Meeting Minutes. **Approved.**

**COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS**

1. Vice Chair Election – Karen McGill discussed the election of a Vice Chair with the Board of the Commissioners which resulted in the nomination of Juwan Ayers as CMA’s new Vice Chair.
2. Kenneth Battle briefly joined the Board of Commissioners meeting to congratulate Chairwoman McGill on her new role.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1. Accountability Report – Dr. Delores Dacosta shared with the Board of Commissioners that CMA's Accountability Report was completed and submitted on time and submitted through the State's new system. The previous year's report indicated that CMA's goal was to increase partnerships by four (4) however, the current report indicated that they've surpassed that goal, making a total of fifty-four (54) partnerships. **Brenton Brown will email a list of CMA's partners to the Board of Commissioners.**
2. CMA's Budget Presentation – Dr. Dacosta shared that she and Brenton Brown presented CMA's proposed budget before the Governor's Office and the Executive Budget Office of the South Carolina Department of Administration. The budget request is over \$500,000 which includes funds for four (4) FTE positions, a partnership with the South Carolina Department of Corrections, an increase in printing and publication as well as and increase for IT upgrades. **Commissioners who are interested in attending the Ways and Means hearing are asked to reach out to Dr. Dacosta for an invitation.**
3. Program Managers Reports– Anthony Brockington discussed updates made to the Small and Minority Owned Business Advisory board as well as a collaboration with the SBA (U.S Small Business Administration) for small business week (September 13- 15, 2021). Anthony further discussed other partnerships, interest surveys and grants for small and minority owned businesses. Dr. Robert Fenton discussed the critical role that the Research and Planning division plays at CMA including main projects, data from statistical profiles, client data requests and planned projects. **Dr. Fenton will share his Research and Planning PowerPoint presentation with the Board of Commissioners.**

## **NOTABLE ITEMS**

1. Board of Commissioner Participation in relation to CMA events, campaigns, etc. – Chairwoman Karen McGill discussed the more ways in which Commissioners can support CMA including sharing CMA information (particularly regarding grants and training for Small and Minority Owned businesses) as well as responding to staff bi-monthly activity reports.
2. Advisory Board Changes – Dr. Dacosta shares that the Governor of South Carolina has reached out to two (2) additional commissioners for the 1<sup>st</sup> district and for the 2<sup>nd</sup> district- two of which are coming from advisory boards at CMA.
3. Latinx Student Summit – Ivan Segura discusses the CMA Latinx Student Summit that the Hispanic/Latino at CMA have put together. The event is

set to be held on October 27, 2021 at USC Upstate and involved collaboration with Julio Hernandez from Clemson University and TD Bank.

4. Native American Heritage Month – Hannah Bauer discusses the Native American Affairs division’s approach towards celebrating Native American Heritage month through a social media campaign.
5. Ohtli Award – Ivan Segura discusses receiving the prestigious award during an event that was in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate.
6. Second Chance Resource Guide – Dr. Dacosta discusses the Second Chance Resource Guide and its progress since its launch in April 2021.
7. Alex Tovar Feature in Lider Hispano Magazine – Dr. Dacosta shares that Hispanic/Latino Affairs program assistant, Alex Tovar, was recently recognized for his work in the Latino community.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon the motion made by Chief Bill Harris and seconded by Andrea Sancho-Baker the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 11:28 AM and returned at 12:16 PM to discuss the Executive Director’s evaluation and salary. **No actions were taken during the executive session.**

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Upon the motion made by Chief Bill Harris and seconded by Tammie Hall-Wilson the Board voted unanimously to attend the next Board of Commissioners in-person on December 3, 2021. **Approved.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion made by Tammie Hall-Wilson and seconded by Chief Bill Harris the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



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