

**MINUTES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**BOARD MEETING**

**March 9, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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Board Chair, Commissioner Kenneth Battle	Commissioner Eddie C. Guess
Commissioner Karen McGill	Commissioner Kent Washington
Commissioner Louie Chavis	
Commissioner Lamont A. Flowers	
Commissioner Michelle Law-Gordon	
Commissioner Bill James	
Commissioner Tia Brewer-Footman (telephonically)	

The March 9, 2018 meeting of the CMA Board of Commissioners was called to order by the Board Chair at 10:00 am at 2221 Devine Street, Room 101, Columbia, SC 29205.

CMA Executive Director Thomas Smith conducted the meeting's attendance check. Present were: Commissioner Kenneth Battle, Commissioner Karen McGill, Commissioner William B. James, Commissioner Louie Chavis, Commissioner Michelle Law-Gordon, Commissioner Lamont Flowers and Commissioner Tia Brewer-Footman (telephonically). Absent were: Commissioner Eddie Guess and Commissioner Kent Washington. Mr. Smith announced that there is a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Battle asked if there were any changes or additions to be made to the agenda. He indicated his desire and asked for a motion to amend the agenda specifying that immediately after the agenda and the December 2017 meeting minutes were addressed, he would like the Commissioners to adjourn to Executive Session. The motion was properly made and seconded. The vote was taken and the amended agenda approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Battle asked if there were any changes or amendments to be made to the December 2017 Board meeting minutes. There being no changes or amendments to the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2017 meeting was made and properly seconded. The vote was taken and the minutes approved.

Commissioner Battle asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting and go into Executive Session. A motion was made and properly seconded to adjourn to Executive Session. The Board proceeded to adjourn to Executive Session.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING**  
**2221 Devine Street, Room 101 - Columbia, SC 29205**  
**Friday, March 9, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order and Attendance Check
- II. Welcome
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Comments and Observations
  - A. Chairman of the Board of Commissioners
  - B. Members of the Board of Commissioners
- VI. Executive Director's Reports
  - A. House Legislative Oversight Agency Study
  - B. Annual Accountability Report
  - C. Human Trafficking Initiative
  - D. Minority Business Initiative
  - E. Forging New Pathways to Fight Poverty in South Carolina
  - F. Commission's Twenty Fifth Anniversary Commemoration
  - G. Statistical Profile by Counties
  - H. State of Minorities Statistical Abstract
  - I. Hispanics State of the State Report
  - J. 2017-18 Budget Report
  - K. 2018-19 Budget Request
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Board and Staff Retreat
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Comment Period

X. Board Meeting Dates

A. Next Meeting Date: *June 8, 2018.*

B. FY 2018-19 Meeting Dates: *September 14, 2018; December 14, 2018; March 8, 2019; June 14, 2019.*

XI. Executive Session

XII. Adjournment