

Minutes
Meeting of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission
March 20, 2014

Call to Order

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission met on March 20 , 2014 in the Commissioners Room 5034/51CC 5th Floor, of the Department of Administration (DOA) Building, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC. Mr. Clarence Henderson, Chairman of the Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Members of the Board in attendance were Chairman Clarence Henderson, Commissioners Anitra Bailey, Douglas Williams , Shakeal Moore, Jacquie Jeffers, Larry Jones, and Tony Mitchell.

Commissioners Troy Kickler, Donnie Garris, Bennett McCoy Taylor, Vancine Sturdivant, Melissa Martin, Warren Turner, Kenneth Freeman, Dumas A. Harshaw, and David Prince were absent.

Also attending were DOA Secretary Bill Daughtridge; Executive Director of the NC Human Relations Commission (NCHRC); NCHRC/Martin Luther King, Jr. Program Coordinator, Mary Curtis; Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin; Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Edmunds, Jr.; DOA Legislative Affairs Liaison, Ronda Todd; DOA Senior Legal Counsel Bill Peaslee,

Because there were not enough Commissioners present to establish a quorum, items on the agenda were discussed, but not voted upon.

Approval of Minutes of January 17 , 2014

Because there was not a quorum, the approval of minutes postponed until the June 10 meeting.

Swearing in of New Commissioners

NC Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Shakeal Moore.

Committee Reports

None reported

Old Business

None reported

New Business

- Establishment of 501(c)3 -- Bill Peaslee , Senior Legal Counsel, Department of Administration
 - DOA Legal Counsel Bill Peaslee discussed options relative to the MLK Commission's establishment of a 501(c)3, with the objective of collecting funds for grants to be awarded by the commission. He noted that, if a MLK Commissioner also served on the board of the 501(c)3, conflict of interest issues and ethics was a consideration. Statute 138-3(i) allows public servants. e.g., MLK Commissioners, to raise funds to be used for additional grant funding. However, if the funding raised exceeds 3% of the annual budget of the Commission, Governmental Operations must approve the use the additional funds.
 - Donations to the Commission are tax deductible.
 - Commissioner Dr. Tony Mitchell voiced his concern about the potential loss of funds that the Commission raised.
 - Commissioner Doug Williams asked if there were restrictions placed on funding raised. Mr. Peaslee stated as long as funding meets statutory purpose of MLK Commission, it could be used as the commission sees fit.

- Overview of MLK Grant Process, Emily Williams
 - Current MLK Commission Grant Process Timeline
 - RPF Notice to Potential Applicants is sent out; deadline communicated;
 - Applications are received by deadline;
 - Commission reviews applications and makes recommendations for award;
 - Grants awarded;
 - Contractual documents sent to awardees;
 - Awardees complete documents and submit to DOA;
 - Grant funding is disbursed to awardee.

- FY 2015 MLK Grant Program- Emily Williams
 - One FY 2014 MLK grantee declined funds; so \$1,000 will be recaptured and added to FY 2015 funds;
 - Theme for the Request of Proposal (RFP) will be "Content of Character;"
 - Commissioner Dr. Tony Mitchell will spearhead a committee to capture data about the number of organizations that submitted applications of the quality for funding, had grant funds been available.
 - Comments/revisions to FY 2014 RPF
 - RPF will be emailed out to Commissioners; please review and any corrections or concerns to NCHRC;
 - Tentative deadline for posting RPF is September 30, 2014
 - Comments about existing RPF:
 - Allowance of multiple submissions from the same organization or parent organization;

- Inclusion of leveraging as a factor to be scored.
- **Content of Character Model- Chairman Clarence Henderson**
 - Chairman Henderson distributed the narrative that he developed about this vision for the Content of Character Model and its purpose, with the objective of implementing this model in the North Carolina school system;
 - Mary Curtis recommended also making the model available to programs such as PROUD Program, Teen Courts, The Conflict Resolution Center, trading schools, and reforming schools;
 - The model will be reviewed again for further discussion at the June meeting.
- **Posting location of Commissioners on the HRC's Website, Emily Williams**
 - Only city of residency would be provided, unless otherwise requested by commissioner.
- **Budget and Expense Reimbursement Issues**
 - All receipts must be faxed to the attention of Mary Curtis at 919-807-4430.

Announcements

The next meeting will be held on June 10, 2014.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Henderson.

Anitra Bailey

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Date