

# MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES

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## MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2023

Meeting call to order by Chairman Fly

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

Roll Call:

Present: Kenny Fly, Sr., Rodney McCormick, Linda Conley, Stasi Benning  
Willie Milsap, Faye Moore, Mike Jones, Pastor Robert Johnson  
Pastor Dwayne Hurt

Zoom: Pastor Dennis Carroll, Walter "Tony" Cox

Absent: Sean Fitzpatrick

Mission Statement: Read by Commissioner Faye Moore

Minutes of April 12, 2023: Minutes approved. Moved by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Benning. There was a roll call vote. Vote passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was emailed to Commissioners. Balance: \$6,098.92. Motion to accept report by Commissioner McCormick; seconded by Commissioner Fly. Motion carried. No Nays.

New Business: Guest Speakers presented by Criminal Justice and Employment Sub-Committees: John Boyd, President, Michigan City Boys Basketball League, spoke on purpose of League and request for donation of \$500-\$1000.00. Alex Tycek, WorkOne Center Mgr, and Lisa Daugherty, CEO, WorkOne spoke on availability of center programs at no cost for those ages 16-24 and currently not enrolled in school.

Missing Minutes: Hopefully, each commissioner who so chooses will work on one or two missing months. 8 months missing.

Questioning who is responsible for funding the Rev Bill Ashley Memorial Scholarship. Commissioner McCormick presented MCCSSAAM Detailed General Ledger Report date range 10/06/2017 -04/05/2023. Commissioner McCormick also presented notes from 2015 regarding establishment and funding of Scholarship. According to Commissioner McCormick, the family of Rev Ashley and the North West Indiana Ministries Alliance was to assume responsibility for funding the Scholarship and not the MCCSSAAM. Commissioner McCormick suggested the monies distributed by MCCSSAAM be repaid. Commissioner Moore disputed this premise. Motion made to send a letter to Rev David Ashley inviting him to board meeting to clarify. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

Sub-Committee Reports:

- Education: Presentation by John Boyd, Pres MC Youth Basketball League Concerns regarding original funding for Rev BJ Ashley Memorial Education Scholarship
- Health: Will update at next meeting
- Employment: Presentation by Alex Tycek and Lisa Daugherty, WorkOne
- Criminal Justice: DuSable Museum field trip update. Will meet with MCAS to get sample permission slips.
- Social Factors: To plan future meeting with committee members.

Good of the Order: Commission Roundtable

All committee chairs agreed to send out notice to board members of date and time of sub-committee meeting.

Public Comment: Tommy K. made commissioners aware that rather than scrambling to take written notes, meetings can be reviewed via ALCO.

Adjournment: Moved by Commissioner McCormick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Benning. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Next meeting: JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023 @ 12:00 noon