



Government of the District of Columbia
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayor's Office on African American Affairs (MOAAA)



Commission on African American Affairs Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Frank D. Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Adjoa Asamoah (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Commissioner Roll Call: 10 commissioners were in attendance, a quorum was established.
3. Approval Correction of Minutes: Commissioner Niambi Carter (Secretary) reported the minutes from the December 2018 public meeting. A motion was put forward and the minutes from the December 2018 were approved.
4. Office Update: Interim Director Thomas Bowen, Mayor's Office on African American Affairs (MOAAA) provided the update for the office. MOAAA administratively and physically moved from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity, 2235 Shannon Place SE to the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Rev. Thomas Bowen is currently serving as the Interim Director for the Mayor's Office on African American Affairs. The Mayor's Office on Talent & Appointments is looking for applicants for the Executive Director position in the Mayor's Office on African American Affairs. Additionally, the events, initiatives, and focus of the office was discussed
5. Review / Recap of Past Year and Discussion of Next Steps: The Commission asked to obtain additional information about initiatives like (e.g. Every Day Counts, Inclusive Innovation Fund, Maternal & Infant Health, Neighborhood Prosperity Fund, Office of the East of the River Coordination, Thrive by Five, Roots to Roofs). Additionally, they asked to meet with the individuals or taskforces responsible for the initiatives.
6. Motion: The Commission put a motion asking the Executive Office of the Mayor to engage the Commission on the planning for Black History Month. The Commission asked that they partner or collaborate on an event. The Commission unanimously supported the motion.
7. Final Remarks / Adjournment: Commissioner Kimberly Jeffries Leonard (Chair) adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.