



## July 16, 2024 Meeting Notes:

- I. Call to order
  - A. 11:07am
- II. Roll Call
  - A. Commissioners Present:
    1. Sherwood, McPherson, Anderson, Hodge, Strozier, House
  - B. Ex-Officios Present:
    1. Landrum Taylor, Hamilton
  - C. Staff Present:
    1. Campbell, Taylor
  - D. Commissioners Absent:
    1. Post, Johnson, Glover
- III. Guest Presentation-Velma Trayham, President Arizona Black Chamber
- IV. Executive Director's report
  - A. The Arizona Commission of African American Affairs continues to address issues and support the Black community in Arizona, receiving daily correspondence on various topics.
  - B. The Arizona African American Agenda, a blueprint guide for those seeking the support of the Black community, highlights key issues such as economic development, equitable public education, equal justice, political equity, and health care, and will be available after the primary election.
  - C. Two major ongoing issues are the problems with AHCCCS and Black care providers and concerns about the distribution of social equity licenses in Arizona's cannabis industry.
  - D. An administrator in a local school district experiencing discrimination has been referred to the State NAACP office.
  - E. The Executive Director is seeking funds for the upcoming conference and workshops and recommends several initiatives including a

community workshop with the Department of Child Services, a meet-the-candidates forum, a community meeting on education and Black history, and developing a five-year strategic plan for the Commission.

- V. Pillar Chair reports
  - A. Economic Development:
    - 1. Hosted some productive meetings to create a strategic plan.
    - 2. Legislative ideas for bills to be put up for consideration.
  - B. Sustainability: N/A
  - C. Youth: N/A
  - D. Education:
    - 1. Hosted meetings to discuss potential strategic plans leading up to the legislative conference.
    - 2. Discussing black history in schools.
    - 3. Creating a budget plan to submit.
  - E. Health: N/A
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Setup the new commissioner emails.
- VII. New Business
  - A. Commissioners need to select a chair, first vice, and second vice by the next meeting.
  - B. 5-year strategic plans need to be drafted and presented by the next meeting.
  - C. Meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am.
  - D. Congressional Black Caucus in Washington D.C. 9/11-15/2024
    - 1. \$200 early bird registration.
    - 2. Register as a member of the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs.
- VIII. Call to the Public
  - A. N/A
- IX. Adjourn
  - A. 12:06pm