

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

MEETING MINUTES

A teleconference meeting of the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Council Members Present:

Franklin Adderley
Argatha Gilmore
Matthew Gregory
Ron Henderson, 2nd Vice-Chair
Eddy Regnier, Chair
Shila Salem, 1st Vice-Chair
Lois Scott
Ben Shirley, Jr.
Albert Simpson, Vice-Chair
Andre Smith
Perry Thurston

Council Members Absent:

John Davis
Gypsy Gallardo
William Hardin
Gary Siplin
Steven Wise
Robert Woody

Other's Attending:

Shanna Currey (Siplin)
Ervin Cohen

First Agenda Item: Welcome

Chairman Eddy Regnier welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the teleconference and thereafter requested roll call.

Second Agenda Item: Roll Call

Roll call was executed by Council staff Tawanna Leven-Forbes.

Third Agenda Item: Opening Invocation

Rev. Albert Simpson gave the invocation.

Fourth agenda item: Call to Order

Chairman Regnier called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. The agenda was adopted as posted.

Fifth Agenda Item: Chairman's Comments

Chairman Regnier talked about the proposed budget for 2011/12 budget year.

- Talked about how the Council could use the extra money
- Asked Council member's to help with the budget building process

Chairman Regnier moved to the next agenda item opening the floor for member comments.

Sixth Agenda Item: Member Comments

Chairman Regnier moved to the next agenda item.

Seventh Agenda Item: Adoption of Outstanding Minutes

Chairman Regnier moved to the next agenda item.

Eighth Agenda Item: Jacksonville Meeting Update

Chairman Regnier talked about the Jacksonville meeting that is scheduled for September.

- Meeting location at Crowne Plaza Riverfront
- All day business meeting from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Sub-committee break-out
 - Structure of Annual Report
 - Is not interest of creating an Annual Report of new ideas to get filled and not reviewed
- Public Forum from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.
- The Attorney General's invitation to Jacksonville
 - Call from AG's office to inform Council of a schedule conflict and her interest of meeting with the Council for a future meeting.

Chairman Regneir asked for further comments from the Council and there were none and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Ninth Agenda Item: Status of New Appointees

Chairman Regnier thanked Rep. Thurston for his efforts in following-up on the placement of new appointees, and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Tenth Agenda Item: Orlando Meeting Update

Chairman Regnier asked for updates for the Orlando meeting which will take place in Orlando.

Ms. Leven-Forbes talked about the meeting in Orlando

- All day business meeting on November 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Ecitrym LaMarr, Executive Director for the Legislative Black Caucus, helping with meeting arrangements
- Meeting location at Buena Vista Palace
- Undecided location for Business meeting on November 18th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Regnier asked for other comments and there were none, thereafter he moved to the next agenda item.

Eleventh agenda item: Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Regnier talked about sub-committee member's giving reports on their meetings.

Mr. Ron Henderson talked about the direction of the combined meeting of criminal Justice & gangs' and education sub-committees.

- Discussions was about previous recommendation and no actions
- Use sub-committee meetings to focus on one or two recommendation
- Looked at the focus points requested by the Council Chair
- Would like to bring in participants from state agencies or professionals in the field to give guidance for focus
- Talked about the effects of education and the digital world etc.

Ms. Lois Scott talked about the outline provided for the meeting on structure of information by each subcommittee member in the areas expertise.

- To state the problem
- Multiple barriers as it relate to black men and boys
- Going back at least a five years to show a data trend (example: data as it relates to employment or training opportunities)
- Improvements
- Recommendations for future years etc.

Ms. Scott said that each member is to report from the outline that was provided. She state that her staff person Ms. Holly Carson helped with last year's Annual Report and will be assisting with this year's Report.

Chairman Regneir talked about his subcommittee that talked about healthcare

- How to access kid care
- Nutrition
- Access of insurance
- AIDS epidemic and education

Chairman Regnier stated that his committee main focusing will be on AIDS and access to insurance for children. He asked was there any comments and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Twelfth agenda item: Discussion of Letter of Commendation

Chairman Regnier talked about member's that worked with the Council in the past and would like to formulate a letter of commendation for their services.

Chairman Regnier asked was there any comments and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Thirteenth agenda item: Discussion of Plaques of Commendation

Chairman Regnier talked about past members and current members getting a plaque of commendation for the hard work that was put into the Council. He asked was there any comments and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Fourteenth agenda item: Discussion of Annual Report

Chairman Regneir stated the he had been in contact with Dr. Elam who assisted the Council in putting together its first Annual Report. He said the Dr. Elam offered to edit and help the

Council put the Annual Report together and suggest that the report should be a call to action rather than collected data.

Chairman Regnier asked was there any comments and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Fifteenth Agenda Item: Discussion of Better Participation/Absenteeism

Chairman Regnier talked about the problem in getting a quorum and asked for ideas in getting better participation in Jacksonville.

Chairman Regnier asked was there any comments and thereafter moved to the next agenda item.

Sixteenth Agenda Item: Future Council Meeting Dates and Locations

Ms. Forbes stated that the next meeting Full Council teleconference is October 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. & December 8, 2011 Embassy Suites Tampa, Florida.

Seventeenth Agenda Item: For the Good of the Order

Chairman Regnier said that the Council was appointed for a group to be dedicated solely to the problems of African American men and boys, to look at the problems, research them and come up with a solution to make a change. He said that the black community needs its men, boys, girls and women to have equal opportunity to move forward.

Eighteenth Agenda Item: Adjournment

Chairman Regnier asked for a motion for adjournment. Rep. Perry Thurston motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Ms. Lois Scott seconded the adjournment. Chairman Regnier declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.