

COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

Meeting Minutes

A full Council meeting was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, in room 216C at the Capitol.

Council Members Present:

Anthony D. McCoy, PhD, Chair
Earnest Brewer (*telephone*)
Richard Davison
Gypsy Gallardo (*telephone*)
Ronald Henderson (*telephone*)
Lillian Lima
Eddy Regnier, PhD
Lois Scott (*telephone*)
Rev. Albert Simpson, Jr., PhD
Ana Maria Sanchez (*telephone*)
Andre Smith

Council Members Absent:

Billy Close, PhD
Rep. Perry Thurston, Jr.
Rep. Julio Robaina
Levi Williams
Senator Frederica Wilson
Senator Stephen Wise

Also Present were:

Dr. Jordan Williams
Emery Gainey
Alexis Lambert
Yata Caine

Chairman Anthony McCoy called the meeting to order at 2:10PM and Ms. Yata Caine recorded the minutes. A quorum of Council members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Chairman McCoy reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Next, Chairman McCoy provided an overview of the Council's 2009 Annual Report, highlighted some of the Council's recommendations and presented the report to Attorney General Bill McCollum. General Bill McCollum accepted the report and responded by commending the Council for its efforts and charging them to examine successful model programs that address the problems faced by at-risk youth.

The next issue discussed by the Council was nominations for the positions for chair and vice-chair. Chairman McCoy opened the floor to receive nominations; whereupon motions duly made by Ms. Gypsy Gallardo to nominate Representative Perry Thurston for chair and seconded by Mr. Richard Davison. Motion made by Ms. Ana Maria Sanchez to nominate Mr. Richard Davison for chair and seconded by Mr. Andre Smith.

Motion made by Ms. Gypsy Gallardo to nominate Ms. Lillian Lima for vice-chair and seconded by Mr. Richard Davison. Ms. Lois Scott moved that the nominations be closed; seconded by Mr.

Andre Smith. Ms. Lillian Lima unanimously voted in as Council Vice-Chair. Discussion ensued concerning the position of chair. Ms. Gallardo stated that the Council's position of chair should be held by a male due to symbolism and the perspective that a male can bring to the position.

Mr. Davison stressed the Council's need for leadership by a sitting member of the legislature. He also said that Representative Thurston's knowledge, skills, abilities and legislative position would help open doors for the Council and navigate the many hurdles faced.

Chairman McCoy opened the floor for a discussion on delaying the vote for chair until Representative Perry Thurston is contacted to determine if nomination is accepted. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McCoy opened the floor to receive a motion to hold the election for chair today; whereupon motion duly made by Ms. Gallardo and seconded by Ana Maria Sanchez. Mr. Richard Davison was voted in as the Council Chair by a majority vote.

Mr. Anthony McCoy gave final remarks as chair and turned the meeting over to Chairman Richard Davison.

Chairman Davison asked that the minutes for the last meeting be presented to the Council for approval. Dr. Anthony McCoy stated that due to changes in the Office of the Attorney General staff, meeting minutes for the January 21, 2010 meeting were unavailable and would not be presented for approval. Minute meetings will be presented during the next Council meeting.

Chairman Davison subsequently discussed his vision as the new chair of the Council. He stated that the Council has sufficiently examined the issues that affect Black Men and Boys and presented recommendations and action items in the annual reports. Chairman Davison described how each member's talents and expertise should be used to further the Council's efforts and asked Council members to remain actively involved. Chairman Davison appointed past chairman Dr. McCoy as Chairman Emeritus.

The next item discussed by Chairman Davison was the date of the next full council meeting. Mr. Andre Smith asked if the Council could hold a teleconference prior to the next full Council meeting. Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion; whereupon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved two teleconferences scheduled for April 14th and April 21st from 2:00PM- 5:00PM.

Dr. Simpson motioned to hold the next full Council meeting to convene during the 25th National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community at the Omni Rosen Hotel in Orlando, Florida, on May 26, 2010. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCoy, and unanimously approved. Motion duly made to amend to hold next full Council meeting from 10AM-12PM and unanimously approved.

The next item discussed by Chairman Davison was new business. Chairman Davison opened the floor for discussion on the organization of subcommittees, future subcommittee meetings and

appointments. Discussion ensued.

Vice-Chair Lima stated that the Council should organize subcommittees after the next meeting to give Chairman Davison time to present his 2010 goals.

Dr. McCoy stated that the Council should take the annual report in a different direction. This method would include operational aspects, highlighting one topic and past recommendations in the 2010 Annual Report. He also stated that this method may increase participation.

Chairman Davison said that in the past, the completion of the annual report has driven the Council. However, this year the report will consist of what we have done.

Chairman Davison proposed that the Council utilize three subcommittees and elect three chairs. He will reach out to Council members to chair subcommittees through Office of Attorney General staff. Chairman Davison also appointed Vice-Chair Lima as subcommittee coordinator who will work with Dan Gilmore to coordinate the Council's meeting schedule during the National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community. Discussion ensued. The Council would like to subsequently hold subcommittee meetings so that all Council members are given the opportunity to attend each subcommittee meeting and along with all presentations.

Chairman Davison opened the floor for a motion to schedule subcommittee meetings on May 25, 2010; whereupon motion duly made by Dr. McCoy, seconded by Chairman Davison, and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 PM.