

FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A Teleconference meeting of the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys was held on Thursday, June 9, 2011.

Council Members Present: Council Members Absent:

Dr. Eddy Regnier, Chairman
Rev. Dr. Albert Simpson, Vice Chair
Dr. Janetta Cureton, 1st Vice Chair
Mr. Ronald Henderson, 2nd Vice Chair

First Agenda Item: Call to Order

- Chairman Eddy Regnier welcomed everyone on the conference call
 - Requested the roll call to begin
 - Roll call was executed by Council staff Tawanna Leven-Forbes
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Second Agenda Item: Chairman's Comments

- Chairman Regnier talked about the purpose of attendance letters to department heads to help establish quorums.

Third Agenda Item: Discussion of letter to Department Heads/Secretaries

- Rev. Simpson talked about the frameworks of the attendance letter.
 - What should be included in the letter to encourage member attendance according to the Florida Statutes.
- Chairman Regnier asked Council staff to read the attendance letter.
- Rev. Simpson talked about the letter of attendance.
 - Should be directed only towards members who's secretaries or department heads was preventing them from attending.
 - Letters were meant to educate their superiors.
- Mr. Henderson talked about the Council's Bylaws being added with the letter.
- Rev. Simpson suggested that a statement directing the reader to the Council's web page and Bylaw's should be included in the letter.
- Chairman Regnier talked about the Council's meeting schedule be included with the letter.

- Rev. Simpson talked about who should not get the letters which are the House Speaker, the Senate President and the Governor.
- Mr. Henderson talked about the letters that are not going out to the appointing authorities which should be sent directly to the appointed individuals.
- Dr. Cureton talked about the letter re-presenting the idea that it is important to attend all meetings.
- Mr. Henderson talked about the appointed member engaging the department heads' in the commitment to the Council.
- Dr. Regnier talked about the possibility of the AG's staff making a call which would be more personal rather than sending a letter to a Council member.
 - The need to find out if the appointed individual wants to continue with the Council.
 - If reaching out to the appointing authorities will make a difference then the Council should make that attempt.
- Mr. Henderson talked about talking to the aides of the political members being more effective.
- Chairman Regnier talked about communicating with aids of the political members via phone and sending a memo would be feasible.

Fourth Agenda Item: Discussion of Jacksonville Meeting

- Chairman Regnier talked about last year meeting in Jacksonville.
- Rev. Simpson talked about the objective of the Council for Jacksonville.
 - To support and encourage the local council in Jacksonville in whatever they are engaged in
- Chairman Regnier talked about data that should be collected for the Annual Report.
 - The bulk of the data should be gathered by the meeting in September.
- Rev. Simpson stated that he would have Mr. Danford's staff communicate with Ms. Forbes with the information for posting in the Florida Administrative Weekly.
 - He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Gainey's presentation to the Council in Miami in representing Ms. Bondi with honesty.

Fifth Agenda Item: Member Comments

- Chairman Regnier talked about meeting with the Attorney General.
 - Asked the AG staff for an update on Ms. Bondi's invite.
- Mr. Nuss stated that he had no updates on Ms. Bondi's invite at that time.
- Ms. Forbes stated that the original invite letter was to invite Ms. Bondi to Tampa but then changed.
 - Talked about inviting her to the first face-to-face meeting of the Council in Miami.
 - Talked about the final revised letter that did not get approved.
- Chairman Regnier talked about revisiting the letter
- Mr. Nuss talked about information which normally comes to him before sending out of the AG's office.
- Chairman Regnier talked about the invite letter that was to be mailed out to Ms. Bondi asking her to join the Council in Jacksonville on September.
- Ms. Forbes stated that she needed all information necessary to put in the letter of invite before mailing.
- Rev. Simpson stated that he would contact the Jacksonville Urban League to reassure the meeting in Jacksonville.
- Mr. Nuss talked about the importance of the meeting location information for the Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW) posting.
- Rev. Simpson stated that he would do a follow-up with the Council after talking to the Jacksonville Urban League president and staff.
- Chairman Regnier talked about working on an agenda for the Jacksonville meeting.
- Dr. Cureton asked for clarity on the letters to the Attorney General.
- Rev. Simpson talked about the desire to establish a scheduled meeting through the Council's support staff to meet with the Attorney General.

Sixth Agenda Item: Future Subcommittee Meetings Dates & Approval

- Chairman Regnier asked Council staff had the subcommittee meetings been scheduled.
- Ms. Forbes stated that the meetings had not been approved.
- Chairman Regnier asked that meetings be scheduled and sent out to all members.

Seventh Agenda Item: Adjournment

- Chairman Regnier asked for a motion for adjournment
 - Rev. Simpson motioned the meeting be adjourned
 - Dr. Cureton seconded the motion
 - Chairman Regnier declared the meeting be adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

