

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACK MALES**

Meeting Minutes

**WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2017
5:34 P.M.**

**Hooker Conference Room #245 City Hall
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN**

AGENDA

Members Present: Janet Cheatham Bell, Seth Debro, David Hummons, John McCluskey, Brian Richardson Jr. Cornelius Wright (chair) **Guests:** Ernest Rollins, Reporter Herald-Times **Staff:** Rafi Khalid Hasan II, City of Bloomington

1. Introductions

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

Commissioner Richardson requested a discussion on the Black Barbershop Initiative.

3. Approval of Minutes – November minutes approved 6-0. December minutes approved 6-0.

4. New Business

- A. Ernest Rollins interviewed commissioners for an article in Herald-Times regarding President Obama's legacy.

5. Liaison Report

A. Commission on the Status of Black Males: Retreat 2017

- 1. Staff Liaison, Rafi Hasan informed commissioners that information for commissioner retreat would be finalized by end of the week.
- 2. Commissioners Wright and McCluskey have received their reappointment letters. Both appointments have been extended until 1/31/2019.
- 3. Staff Liaison indicated that he has registered CSBM with City of Bloomington Volunteer Network with the hopes of providing a note-taker for CSBM meetings.
- 4. Staff Liaison relayed that a commissioner is eligible for Outstanding Black Male award.
- 5. Commission discussed the possibility of appointing high school recipient of the Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow as a liaison for the CSBM.
- 6. Motion to inquire Indiana Commission of Status of Black Males to provide funds for the Outstanding Black Male Leader of Tomorrow Award at the Black History Month Gala.
Commission approved the motion with a 6-0 vote.

6. Old Business

1. Commission's "Everyday Encounters" text has been sent into the legal department.
2. Commission voted 5-0 to have "Everyday Encounters" translated to Spanish.

7. Action Committee Reports

- 1) Education
 - a) No information was reported.
- 2) Health and Wellness
 - a) Commissioner Richardson indicated he has attended the phone conference discussions and would be present on the 1/30 call.
 - b) Commissioner Richardson indicated that each host city was required to have information on the day, location, and barbers for the Barbershop Initiative.
- 3) Employment and Entrepreneurship
 - a) No information was reported.
- 4) Criminal Justice
 - a) No information was reported.

8. Adjournments

- a) Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

9. Announcements

Community Member Larry Brown is hosting a Black History Month program on February 19 at 3:00 pm at Second Baptist Church.

Next meeting Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 5:30pm Hooker Conference Room City Hall