

COMMISSION ON

# STATUS OF BLACK MALES

January 9, 2019 [Minutes](#)

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Hooker Room, Cityhall Hooker Conference Room (RM #245)  
401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN 47404

**Attending:**

Commission

Kourtney Byrd, Seth Debro, John McCluskey, Jr., Brian Richardson, Jr.

City Staff

Shatoyia Moss, Project Management Specialist

Guest

Michael Diekhoff, Chief of Bloomington Police

**Absent:**

Commission: James Sanders, Byron Turner

The meeting was called to order by Seth Debro at 5:35pm.

No introductions

Seth Debro reported that the principal at Jackson Creek Middle School has requested the participation of commission members for two school-wide events related to the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month.

Approval of the December minutes as amended

Chief Diekhoff responded to questions related to diversity hiring and use of new equipment. He reported that progress in hiring minorities, specifically African Americans, was still moving very slowly and that he welcomed ideas and suggestions from the Commission. Since its highly publicized purchase, the armored vehicle been employed three times in hostage situations. Chief

Diekhoff also reported on the use of a newly-purchased mobile unit to be shared with the fire department.

### **Liaison Report**

Shatoyia Moss reported on the success of the Banneker Santa Event.

Very low numbers for nominations for Outstanding Leader of Tomorrow Awards. Discussion took place on ways to increase numbers by the next meeting of the CSBM. The selections would take place at that meeting (February 13).

Considerable discussion also took place regarding the low number of registrations for the Black Male Summit. Action strategies were put forward beginning with another urgent push for assistance from MCCSC. Opening up the pool of registrants to include undergraduates and was recommended and met with approval. This would need approval from several officials in the city government. The logistical challenges of re-scheduling bus pickup sites, monitoring the bus passengers, and permitting same-day registration were discussed, but their resolutions would be dependent on the final pre-event headcount.

### 6. Action Committees

Health and Wellness Initiatives

The third focus group will take place at the Black Male Summit.

Participants will

need permission from parents to participate.

Financial Literacy: no report

H-T Content Analysis: No report

Adjournment:

