

COMMISSION ON THE

STATUS OF BLACK MALES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Hooker Conference Room #245, at City Hall at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana
on the Second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. In-person and Zoom Meeting,
Bloomington.in.gov/csbm

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of February meeting Minutes
4. Request for additional agenda items
5. Old Business
 - a. 2025 Events
 - i. Black History Month Gala – Saturday, March 01, 2025
 - ii. Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow Awards
6. New Business
 - a. Black Barbershop Health Initiative (April)
 - i. The Black Barbershop Health Initiatives provides free health screenings and conversations centered around men's health at local barbershops
 - b. National Million Father March (August)
 - i. The CSBM organizes fathers, father figures, mentors, and role models to welcome students back on the first day of school part of the National Million Father March
 - c. Black Male Youth Summit (September)
 - i. The Black Male Youth Summit is an opportunity for young black males in Bloomington to join together for a day of personal and professional development with community leaders.
 - ii. Post-secondary Planning Workshops
 - iii. * College Readiness
 - iv. * Building A Resume
 - v. * Workforce Readiness
 - vi. * Guest Speakers
 - vii. * Stereotypes of Black Males
 - viii. * Respectability Politics
 - ix. Black Male Identity
 - x. Violence Prevention Education
 - xi. *Determine other two BMS categories
 - d. Winter Wonderland Photos With Santa (December)
 - i. The Winter Wonderland event is a program of the City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status of Black Males. The initiative originated from recognizing that our community lacked a signature holiday event that truly represented people of color. We wanted to create a diverse and inclusive experience that was accessible to everyone, and most importantly, free of charge.

7. Liaison Report
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. Open seats filled by Dhakir Abdullah – Mayoral appointment and
 - c. Siddu McLeod – Bloomington Common Council appointment
 - d. Diana E. Powell-Opata
8. Appointments expiring January 31st, 2026:
9. April Meeting: April 09th, 2025
10. Announcements/Community Updates
11. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)
12. Adjournment

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1. Introductions

- a. Dhakir Abdullah – Mayoral appointment CSBM
- b. Siddu McLeod – Bloomington Common Council
- c. Diana E. Powell-Opata – Bloomington Common Council

2. Commission On The Status of Black Males Members

- a. James Sanders, Chair
- b. Dhakir Abdullah
- c. Isaiah Brock
- d. Siddu McLeod
- e. Diana E. Powell-Opata
- f. Patrick Smith
- g. Cornelius Wright

3. Committees

- a. Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow
- b. Black Barbershop Health Initiative
- c. National Million Father March
- d. Black Male Youth Summit
- e. Winter Wonderland

Jan	Set Calendar		Chair
Feb	Outstanding Leader		
Mar	Male Summit		
Apr	BBSshop		
May	Black Grads		
Jun		Needs Vote	
Jul		Needs Vote	

Aug	Million Father March		
Sep	Women's Summit		
Oct			
Nov			
Dec	Winter Wonderland Black Santa		

Annual Report Outline

1. Cover Page

- o Title: City of Bloomington "Commission Name" 2024 Annual Report
- o City Logo with Commission Branding
- o Prepared by: Your Name, Liaison and Commission
- o Contact Information: Email, Website, Phone

2. Table of Contents

3. Message from the Chair

- o Headshot of Commission Chair
- o Key highlights, achievements, and challenges from the year
- o Vision for the future and goals for the next year

4. Commission Purpose Statement

- o Focus and purpose of the commission
- o Explanation of how activities align with the mission

5. Organizational Overview

- o Commissions and Appointing Body (with headshots if available)
- o Titles and Employers of Members
- o Structure: Chair, Secretary, Director, Liaison, Intern (if applicable)
- o Summary Page

6. Key Achievements and Impact - Big Summary Page

- o Major Accomplishments: Significant milestones
- o Statistics or Metrics: Quantitative impact data (e.g., people served, funds raised)
- o Stories or Testimonials: Personal experiences or quotes
- o Challenges: Brief mention of challenges and resolutions

7. Financial Information

- o Revenue and Expenses: Breakdown of sources and major expenses
- o Donor and Sponsorship Recognition: List of key supporters

8. Program and Project Highlights

- o Updates on specific programs or initiatives
- o Success stories and relevant outcomes

9. Strategic Goals and Initiatives

- o Future Plans: Key goals and priorities for the upcoming year
- o Strategic Objectives: New projects or strategies for growth

10. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- o Partnerships: Key collaborations
- o Volunteers and Supporters: Recognition of contributors

11. Photos and Visuals - Throughout the report

- o High-quality images of activities and events
- o Charts, graphs, and infographics to visualize data

12. Call to Action

- o Information on how stakeholders can support the organization (donations, volunteering)
- o Ways to get involved or stay informed (newsletter sign-up, social media links)

13. **Contact Information**

- o Clear details for inquiries:
 - Website
 - Email
 - Phone Number
 - Social Media Handles