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Representing Thurston County

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Executive Director Edward O. Prince

Commission on African American Affairs Public Meeting Minutes Friday, March 24, 2023 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. | Via Zoom

Members present: Chair Kendricks, Vice-chair Todd, Bailey, Perkins, Laney, Geolingo, Executive Director Edward Prince, Program Manager Charlotte Kerney, Executive Assistant Keahna Umpstead. Quorum established

Absent: Caupain-Sanderson, Stanton

1:00pm – Meeting called to order by Chair Kendricks

1:02pm – Roll Call

1:04pm - Motion to accept meeting minutes by Commissioner Laney – Motion seconded by Commissioner Bailey.

Vice Chair Todd called for vote to accept January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Voice vote – no objections. Motion carried. March 2023 commission meeting minutes approved.

1:10pm – Executive Director, Ed Prince – Directors Report

Legislative update

- HB 1238 – Providing free school meals for all
- HB 1541 – Establishing the Nothing about us without us act
- HB 1699 - Boards and stipends
- HB 1207 - Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools
- HB 1048 – Enhancing the Washington Voters Right Act
- HB 1513 – Improving Traffic Safety

1:20pm – Commissioner Michael Bailey – Economic Security Committee Update

Discussion – Shared a drafted action plan for the economic stability committee to help ensure that the committee is taking active steps to move the needle regarding positive economic change for the African American Community. This action plan will pull from the Governors eight strategies to reduce poverty to generate the committees own four strategies.

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1:40pm – Halcyon Northwest – Presenting on CAAA’s 2023 Black Washingtonians Health and Wellness Report

Overview – The fourth report published by CAAA to elevate the voices of black Washingtonians and the disparities that continue to impact their lives.

- Framed around the CDC’s Social Determinants of Health (SDoH).
 - Population health and healthcare
 - Education and Child Welfare
 - Economic stability, housing, and wealth
 - Environmental Justice
- Contains both qualitative and quantitative data through research, focus groups and survey participation
 - 495 surveys taken
 - 90 participants across multiple focus groups

3:00pm – Dr. Rev. Johnson – Presenting on the Healthy People Initiative

Designed to guide national health promotion and disease prevention efforts to improve the health of the nation.

- Stands to help the individuals with their overall health in seven areas
 - Spiritual
 - Emotional
 - Intellectual
 - Physical
 - Social
 - Environmental
 - Financial
- Partnering for Youth Achievement (PYA)
 - Seeks to serve youth in the community by bringing together academic, civic, social, family, and spiritual resources. While instilling a sense of greatness in them to help in their preparation to become independent adults.
- Police and Community Together (P.A.C.T.)
 - Promoting more opportunities for positive interactions between community members and police officers by allowing each group to gain more knowledge and understanding. And creating a place for community to better understand police procedures.

3:47pm – Public Comment – No public comment

Discussion – Commissioner Laney proposes option to extend Commission meetings by thirty minutes to one hour at the beginning or end of current scheduled meeting time of 1pm-4pm to allow more time for Commissioners to update one another on Commission work. Commissioners agree to think about the option and decide at the next scheduled meeting on Friday, May 19th, 2023.

4:10pm – Meeting Adjourned