



Commission Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

10:30am-12:00pm

Government Center South, Cardinal Hall Room 12

302 W. Washington Street

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Call to order: A meeting of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (ICSSBM) was held on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, in person at the Government Center South Cardinal Hall, Room 12 in person, and virtually via Teams for Government. The meeting failed to make quorum however unofficial business was still discussed.

Roll Call- Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Kenneth Allen, Jr., Commissioner Dr. Howard Simms, Commissioner Damien Jones, Commissioner Kesha Rich

Commissioners via Teams: Vice-Chair Elijah Neal, Commissioner Dave Rozzell,

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Becker, Commissioner Ervin, Commissioner McGuire, Commissioner Durham, Commissioner Rozzell, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Durham, Commissioner Poole, Commissioner Lamar Skyes, Commissioner Sawyer. Commissioner Smith

Others in attendance: J. Philip Clay (ICRC Executive Director), Scott Kreider (ICRC Deputy Director/ General Counsel), Brooklyn Marrs (ICRC External Affairs Director), Lucy Travis (ICRC Executive Assistant)

Welcome Remarks and Chair Update: The meeting began discussing unofficial business at 10:34am.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Since the commission was unable to make quorums, November 19th meeting minutes were pushed to the next commission meeting.

Review and Approval of the Financial Report: No questions, however quorum was not made so December Financial Report was pushed to the next ICSSBM Commission Meeting. Commissioner Rozzell asked a question about Per Diem. Lucy Travis provided that an email was sent to both Commission Rozzell and Vice-Chair Neal with their stipends that were ready for E-Signature. Ms. Travis states that she was still waiting to get the stipends signed before she could proceed with giving ICRC's CFO the payments to process.

Director's Report: ICRC confirmed that Esther Lewis has been paid in full. ICRC Executive Director provided clarification on HB 1003

Ethics Presentation: Scott Kreider, ICRC Deputy Director/ General Counsel, presented ICSSBM the 2026 Ethics Presentation. A request was made for this to be sent to the commission so everyone can review

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business discussed

New Business: None

Announcement for the Good of the Order: There were no announcements

There being no further discussion, the January 21st, 2026, ICSSBM Commission meeting concluded at 10:54am.