



Meeting Minutes

Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males

January 18, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (“ICSSBM”) was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in the Government South Building, Room 17 Harrison Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:39am.

Roll call - Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner Kari Jones (Proxy Div. of Mental Health and Addiction), Commissioner Damien Jones (Proxy FSSA), Commissioner Michael Parker (Proxy Dept. of Corrections), Commissioner Stephanie Slone, (Proxy to ICRC), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Speaker Todd Huston), and Commissioner David Stewart, (Proxy Lt. Governor).

Via Conference Phone: Commissioner Dave Rozzell, (Senator Rodric Bray), Kesha Rich, (Proxy to IDOA), Commissioner Kenneth Allen, (Speaker Todd Huston), Commissioner Elijah Neal, (Senator Rodric Bray), and Lisa Welch, INAIAC Commission

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Laura Heinrich, (Proxy Dept. of Health), Commissioner Shanel Poole, (Speaker Todd Huston), Commissioner Katie Jenner, (Sect. of Education), Ann Vermilion, (State Representative), Vaneta Becker, (Senator), Commissioner Dwayne Sawyer, (Senator Rodric Bray) VACANT Commissioner (Governor Holcomb) Commissioner Greg Taylor, (Senator) Commissioner Vernon Smith, (State Representative),

A quorum was established for the January 18, 2023, meeting at 10:42am. by Vice-chairman Parker.

Chairman’s Report: Vice-Chair Parker led the January 2023, commission meeting in the absence of Chairman Neal. Commissioner Parker asked Commissioner Stephanie Slone to introduce herself. Commissioner Slone introduced herself as the proxy for Greg Wilson, ICRC. Commissioner Parker recognized Virgil Giles as the new director of the ICSSBM. Lastly, Commissioner Parker announced that the January meeting will be his last meeting and Tori Williams will serve as the new proxy for the Department of Corrections.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November 16, meeting. Commissioner Allen motioned to amend the November meeting minutes until the February commission meeting where they reflect the motion of executive director Greg Wilson, of ICRC attendance at the January 18, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kari Jones (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner

Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), and Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y).

In addition, Commissioner Rozzell wanted the minutes to reflect that in the November 2022, meeting the commission made a request to consult on the selection on the hiring of a new director. Commissioner Parker mentioned that ICRC addressed the commission's request and concerns regarding the hiring of a new director and the commission is satisfied with the outcome. Commissioner Parker mentioned that ICRC addressed the commission's request and concerns regarding the hiring of a new director. The request was then made into a motion (Commissioner Rozzell) and seconded (Commissioner Allen). The vote was unanimous by the commissioners that were present at the November 2022, meeting. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kari Jones (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y).

Review and Approval of the Financial Report: The next item on the agenda was the adoption of the financial reports for October, November, and December 2022. Commissioner Parker motion to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kari Jones (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y).

Presentations:

Presentations were presented on the following topics: **Policies and Statute** - David Fleischhacker, Deputy Director and General Counsel, **Ethics** – Stephanie Slone, Deputy Director, Internal/External Programming and **Finance** – Erik England, Chief Financial Officer. Data from the presentations are recorded and filed for future consideration. General questions were asked by commission members and were addressed by the presenters.

Director's Report: Director Giles followed up with conversation regarding his letter accepting the interim director position full-time, creation of sub-committees (Social Factors and Education). Commissioner Parker entertained a motion to create new sub-committees to address areas of awareness to be defined in the next calendar year. Commissioner Rozzell approved the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kari Jones (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), and Commissioner Elijah Neal (Y). Lastly, Director Giles provided points of general information regarding future community events, Man-Up Health Fair, Power Up! Youth Symposium and A Look Back, A Path Forward. In addition, Director Giles discussed the need for the Commission to follow Robert's Rules of Order including the necessity to complete a roll call after every vote.

Old Business: Commissioner Parker informed and updated committee members on the status of the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative (IBBHI). Commissioner K. Jones is working with Sunny Lu Jones from TechServ on the IBBHI. As a reminder, the commission voted to support IBBHI from a physical perspective and not a logistical perspective. Previous director, James Garrett worked with Commissioner Parker on the Community Focused Research Organization Board sponsored by Eli Lilly. Commissioner Parker forwarded emails to Director Giles for reference.

New Business: Commission member held elections to vote for a new chairman and vice-chairman for 2023. Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Kari Jones to serve as Chair of the commission. Commissioner Rozzell seconded the nomination. Commissioner Jones accepted the nomination for Chair of the ICSSBM. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Damien Jones

(Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y) and Commissioner Elijah Neal (Y).

Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Dave Rozzell to serve as Vice-Chair of the commission. Commissioner Rozzell accepted the nomination of Vice-Chairman for the ICSSBM. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), and Commissioner Elijah Neal (Y).

There being no further business to discuss, the ICSSBM Commission meeting concluded at 12:23pm. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Michael Parker (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y) and Commissioner Elijah Neal (Y).