



Meeting Minutes
Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males
Government Center South
Conference Room 4 Wabash Hall
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Indiana Commission for the Social Status of Black Males (ICSSBM) was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in person at the Government South Building Conference Room 4, and virtually via WebEx. The meeting was called to order at 10:45am.

Roll call - Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner (Chair) Kari Jones (Proxy Div. of Mental Health and Addiction), Commissioner David Stewart (Proxy to Lt. Governor), and Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Speaker Huston).

Via Conference Phone: Commissioner Richard Okello (Proxy ICRC), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Proxy IDOA), and Commissioner Tori Williams (Proxy Dept. of Corrections).

Chair Jones stated that a quorum was not established.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Speaker Huston), Commissioner Vaneta Becker (Senator), Commissioner William Durham (Proxy Dept. of Education), Commissioner Damein Jones (Proxy FSSA), Commissioner Elijah Neal, Commissioner Shanel Poole, Commissioner Dave Rozzell, Commissioner Dwayne Sawyer (Senator Bray), Commissioner Vernon Smith, and Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Proxy Dept. of Health), and Commissioner Greg Taylor (Senator).

Others in attendance: Marcus Norris

A quorum was not established for the July ICSSBM Commission meeting and no official business was discussed. However, Chair Kari Jones provided an update on IBBHI subcommittee discussions, Commissioner Richard Okello presented an update on the grant program and Director Virgil Giles reported on the panel discussions he participated on at the Indiana Black Expo Education Conference. The ICSSBM Commission meeting concluded at 11:15am.