



Meeting Minutes
Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males
Government Center South
Conference Room 5 Wabash Hall
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Friday, March 17, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (“ICSSBM”) was held on Friday, March 17, in the Government Center South Conference Room 5 Wabash Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:34am.

Roll call - Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner William Durham (Proxy Dept. of Education), Commissioner Damien Jones (Proxy FSSA), Commissioner (Chair) Kari Jones (Proxy Div. of Mental Health and Addiction) Commissioner Richard Okello (Proxy ICRC), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Proxy to IDOA), and Commissioner Tori Williams (Proxy Dept. of Corrections).

Via Conference Phone: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Speaker Huston), and Commissioner (Vice-Chair) Dave Rozzell (Senator Bray).

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Vaneta Becker, Commissioner Elijah Neal (Senator Bray), Commissioner Shanel Poole (Speaker Huston), Commissioner Dwayne Sawyer (Senator Bray), Commissioner Vernon Smith, Commissioner David Stewart (Proxy to Lt. Governor), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Proxy to Dept. of Health), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Speaker Huston), Commissioner Greg Taylor, and Commissioner Ann Vermilion.

Commissioner (Chair) Kari Jones stated that a quorum was not established.

Others in attendance: Meredith Lizza and Hunter Frost.

A quorum was not established for the March ICSSBM Commission meeting and there were no votes on official business. However, Marshawn Wolley, Chairman Indianapolis Commission on African American Males provided a presentation on the commissions annual report. Commissioner (Chair) Kari Jones provided an overview on the Robert Rules of Order and supporting grassroot organizations. Director Giles reported on the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative community kick-offs, Fall 2023 Outreach Event (career fair), Job Fair Sub-committee and request for data for the annual report. The ICSSBM Commission meeting concluded at 11:55am.