



## Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Chairman Virgil Madden called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 11:03 a.m. in the Indiana State House, Room 101.

### Roll Call

Tim Brown proxy for Bruce Lemmon, Elijah Neal Jr., Virgil Madden proxy for Lt. Governor Office, Adrienne Shields proxy for Mike Carr, Lynn Smith proxy for Kevin Moore, Rep. Vernon Smith, Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Laura Heinrich proxy for Gregory Larkin, Reverend Joseph Smith, and Dwayne Sawyer.

**Absent** – Rep. Tim Brown, Mindy Lewis, Sen. Scott Schneider, Wayne Wellington, Sen. Greg Taylor, Kenneth Allen, and Rob Wynkoop.

**Guest** – Welton Moore Jr. from Fort Wayne and Danny Lopez from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

**Staff** – James Garrett Jr.

### Invocation

Chairman Madden suggested quiet time for our invocation as prior to the start of the meeting positive reflections were shared.

### Adoption of Minutes

Motion was moved by Elijah Neal, second by Reverend Joseph Smith; motion passed to accept the July 18, 2012.

### Financial Report

Commissioners were provided copies of the financial reports for the general and Donations accounts. The standard operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account and there were no expenditures from the Donations account. It was noted that \$48,000.00 in the Donations account is in a Certificate of Deposit earning interest. Motion was moved by Reverend Joseph Smith, second by Laura Heinrich; motion passed to accept the financial reports as presented. Chairman Madden passed along compliments for the presentation of the reports and their concise easy to understand format.

### Old Business

#### *Recap of the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative*

Commissioners reviewed the Purpose and Rational for the initiative and were provided a handout from Commissioner Sawyer on the social media/marketing outreach for the initiative. The key information in the update is that eleven (11) cities are onboard, with fifty five (55) barbershops tentatively participating, two hundred twenty nine barbers (229) and an anticipated need for three hundred fifty volunteers (350). The target for this year's initiative is to screen a thousand or more persons (1000+). A new pilot for this year will be to provide screenings in a beauty salon in South Bend and a salon in Indianapolis with the hope that in the future the Indiana Women's Commission will come along side our commission for this statewide initiative to screen both black males and women. At all locations health information will be shared and special emphasis will be put on black males having prostate screens once they reach their middle thirties. Adrienne Shields suggested the Commission reach out to all agencies and groups in State government to foster a consistent message and to engage their support and

assistance with the initiative. James will prepare a budget to share with Commissioners at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

### ***Election of Commission Chairman and Vice Chair***

Chairman Madden turned the meeting over to James for the election of the Commission Chairman and Vice Chair. The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman, the two nominees were; Kenneth Allen and Elijah Neal. Ten persons present voted via secret ballot and the results were three (3) votes for Mr. Allen and seven (7) votes for Mr. Neal. Following the vote, Elijah Neal, was elected as the new Chairman of the Commission.

Next the floor was opened for nominations for the Vice Chair position. The two nominees for Vice Chair were; Tim Brown and Reverend Joseph Smith. Again, ten persons voted via secret ballot and the results were six (6) votes for Mr. Brown and four (4) votes for Reverend Smith. Following the vote, Tim Brown was elected Vice Chair for the Commission.

The new Chairman and Vice Chair were congratulated. Commission Vernon Smith shared remarks reflecting on the past history of the Commission, reports and conferences suggesting that Commission strive to do more to serve and benefit black males within the State of Indiana.

The new Chairman Mr. Neal entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.