## NC MLK, Jr. Commission Meeting Minutes

10:00 am, January 12, 2018 Commissioners Conference Room 3106T-2, 3rd Floor Administration Building 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC

Present: Commissioners White, Bailey, Jarvis, Smith, Jeffers, Futrell, Jones, Ealy, Huggins, Partee

**Absent:** Commissioners Freeman, Goins, Dinner, Harshaw, Posey, Sturdivant

**Guests:** Deputy Secretary of North Carolina Department of Administration Christy Agner, Department of Administration Intern Sarah Hallett

**Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Chairman James White at 10:00 am and an invocation was offered, by Commissioner Smith, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day. The Conflict of Interest Statement was read to attending members. Attendance was recorded.

**Old Business** –Commissioners discussed the upcoming MLK Ceremony. They reviewed and discussed the program and provided feedback. Some Commissioners expressed opinions about the NC State Employee MLK Jr. event not including MLK Commission in a substantive manner, including listing their individual names in the program booklet. Members expressed a desire to explore their purpose as a Commission.

**Review\Approval of Minutes** - Chairman White requested members review copies of the meeting minutes from prior commission meetings held on December 7, 2017. Chairman White asked if there were any comments or corrections to be made to either of the meeting minutes. There were none. Commissioner Smith made a motion and Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion that the minutes be passed as written.

Honoring of Grantees – Commissioners discussed ways in which they could be more active in honoring grantees. Chairman White discussed connecting with the grantees on a local level. This would include each commissioner contacting a grantee and possibly attending their programming events. Chairman White provided a list of the grantees and their respective counties. Commissioners were asked to choose a grantee to contact. Liaisons denoted were: HOLLA-Commissioner Bailey; Youth in Movement-Commissioner Jarvis; Joshua Education – Commissioner Ealy; Mediation Center – Commissioner Huggins. Those left unclaimed will be assumed by Chairman White (Sandhills CC and LEAD).

**New Business** – Staff presented an archived document outlining MLK's principles of nonviolence. Commissioners discussed the appropriateness of putting the resource on the website as a resource.

**Future meetings** – Chairman White requested that members provide their availability for future meetings. He requested that future meetings be held the last Tuesday of every month.

A closing prayer was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am by Chairman White.