

Minutes

Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Meeting

10:00 AM, July 28, 2016

**Human Relations Commission Conference Room,
Room 3106T-2, Department of Administration Building**

At the beginning of the meeting, there was no quorum, so Chairman Henderson opened up the floor for a general discussion and Justice Paul Newby administered the oath of office to the new Commissioner, Immanuel Jarvis.

Content of Character Recap

Chairman Clarence Henderson asked several Commissioners to discuss what they thought about the Content of Character Workshop. Commissioner Bailey, Smith, Posey shared their experience and reflection of that day. Everyone spoke highly of the keynote speaker Anthony Atkinson. Chairman Henderson praised Commissioner Jones on his commitment and dedication to making the event a success.

Welcome and Call to Order

At 10:48 am Chairman Clarence Henderson called the meeting of the Commission to order and welcomed attendees. Call to order was delayed due to waiting for a quorum of attendees.

Invocation

Commissioner Posey led the group in prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Chairman Clarence Henderson called the roll for the meeting. Attending were: Commissioners Bailey, Ealy, Henderson, Jarvis, Jones, Partee, Posey, Smith, and Sturdivant. Commissioners Freeman, Futrell, Harshaw, Jeffers, Martin, Moore, and Turner were absent. Also attending were Emily Hunter, Executive Director of the NC Human Relations Commission, Lauren Kenion, Intake Specialist for the NC Human Relations Commission, and Valerie Johnson, Office of the Governor.

Administration of the Oaths of Office to Commissioner Ealy

Justice Paul Newby administrated the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Emmanuel Ealy.

Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting

The Commission approved the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting. Motion made by, Commissioner Partee seconded by, Commissioner Posey. Motion passed unanimously.

Items for Discussion:

- Coming Home- The History of North Carolinas Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The MLK Commission has been asked to sponsor a portion of the series of four workshops. The amount requested for the first event was \$250 per speaker (for honoraria), and \$400 for catering, for a total of \$900. The Governor's Office of Community and Constituent Affairs plans to reimburse MLK Commission for these expenses.
- 2017 MLK Commission Budget- There is anticipated to be no change in 2016-2017 budget relative to the 2015-2016 budget. Budget accounts will remain the same; grant funding will be maintained at \$5000; outreach for workshop assistance may exceed \$5,000.
- FY 2017 MLK Request for Proposal- In the current draft of the RFP, the postmark deadline for grant applications is October 28, 2016. Emily Hunter requested that the Commissioners review the RFP and send comments to Lauren Kenion no later than August 15, 2016.
- Emily announced that she will be leaving the Human Relations Commission, effective August 19, 2016.

Adjournment

Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am.