

STATE OF NEVADA



DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Commission on Minority Affairs was held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 9:33 am, pursuant to public notice: Via video conference call between all locations : (Las Vegas). State Building LV 555 E. Washington Suite 4900 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 and Conference call: Carson City: 775-687-0999 Las Vegas: 702-486-5260 Participant's Collaboration Code: 64575

**1. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Chair Commissioner Lee called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

**B. Present:** C. Lee (present); C. Chadha (present); C. Berna Rhodes-Ford Esq. (phone) C Yolanda Flores MD (present), C. Gaspar Montañez (present); C. Cedric Cole (phone); C. and Miriam Lira-Hickerson, Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities-Department of B&I.

**B.1. Public Attendance:**

**C. Commissioners Absent:** C.Kari Emm.,C.Janelle Mack & C. Ender Austin III.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**3. COMMISSION BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

A. Approval of December 17, 2016, meeting minutes (for discussion and possible action).

C. Montañez moved to approve the minutes. C. Chadha seconded. Motion carried.

B. Small Business Administration presentation, Peter Vanstein, Representative with the Office of Government Contracts

- Ensuring that small, especially disadvantaged business, have access to government access.
- Resources online or Mr. Vanstein as a representative for minority businesses.
  - North American Industry Classification: "Small" business definition based on employee numbers, profits, etc.

C. Report to the Governor

- There are committees that still need to provide their reports. The final report will need to be provided by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
  - D. Subcommittee Updates (for discussion and possible action)
- Activity reports should be submitted monthly.
  - 1. Education
- Chair C. Lee:
  - Committee is reaching out to minority communities regarding correct information of changes to CCSD.
  - Investment in Pre-K education: Centers being built.
  - 2. Health
- C. Flores
  - Convoy Event: Provided obesity and weight-loss outreach materials.
  - Will work with C. Mack regarding information about marijuana.
- Ombudsman Lira-Hickerson
  - Convoy Event: 10,000 attendees
    - Commended C. Flores on representing and providing information about NCMA.
  - 3. Housing
- C. Chadha
  - House building contracts are still active for the next 10 months.
  - Will be conducting town halls in the future.
- Comment: Shivan Abrams, Executive Director of Nevada Fair Housing Center
  - Want to partner with the C. Chadha and the commission regarding treatment of minority homeowners from the homeowners associations.
  - 4. Workforce Development
- C. Cole
  - Became a part of an African-American think-tank under the Workforce Investment umbrella.
  - Invited to attend (Extended the invitation for other commissioners to join him):
    - Executive Committee meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.
    - Elected Officials Committee meeting February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
    - “Youth Pathways to Success” Summit on January 27<sup>th</sup> to match North Las Vegas youths with employment opportunities.
  - January 13<sup>th</sup> : Attended a “dismantling of school to prison pipeline” conference with other community stakeholders.
  - 5. Economic Development
- Chair C. Lee
  - Collaborating with the Nevada Development Advisory Council on a signature event for small business expo highlighting success of businesses that participated in the Clark County Small Business Development program.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Regional Development Advisory Council’s “Committed to our Business Community” event, date TBD.
    - Events to match small business with the people who buy their products.
  - 6. Legislative
- C. Rhodes-Ford
  - Monitoring bills that might be of interest to the minority community.

- Example: Bill 18-21 will be presented that will assist mid-level women and minority businesses.

7. Community Liaison

- C. Rhodes-Ford
  - Commissioners are developing a working plan with community stakeholders.
- E. Collateral Updates
- C. Rhodes-Ford
  - C. Rhodes-Ford compiled information and provided to C. Mack but approvals are pending.
- F. New Business/Comments or Items of Discussion
- C. Cole
  - Business Card Request: Chair C. Lee will follow up
- Ombudsman Lira-Hickerson:
  - There is still funding in the budget. Legislature commission suggested to table at a Small Business Affair event in Carson City Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to use funding.
  - Native American Commissioner vacancy is still open. Accepting requests.
  - Welcome message
    - Appreciation & importance of attending in-person

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No public comment.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:48am. C. Montañez motioned, C. Rhodes-Ford seconded. Motion carried.  
Next Meeting: Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>.