



Meeting Minutes
Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males
Government Center South
Conference Room 4 Wabash Hall
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
February 17, 2023

Call to Order: A meeting of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males (“ICSSBM”) was held on Friday, February 17, 2023, in the Government South Building, Room 4 Wabash Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:33am.

Roll call - Commissioners in attendance: Commissioner Kari Jones (Proxy Div. of Mental Health and Addiction), Commissioner Damien Jones (Proxy FSSA), Commissioner Tori Williams (Proxy Dept. of Corrections), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Proxy to ICRC), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Speaker Todd Huston), Commissioner David Stewart (Proxy Lt. Governor), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Senator Rodric Bray), Kesha Rich (Proxy to IDOA), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Proxy Department of Education), Commissioner Larry Stribling (Proxy Dept. of Health) and Commissioner Magdalen Crimmins (Proxy Ann Vermilion, State Representative).

Via Conference Phone: Commissioner Kenneth Allen, (Speaker Todd Huston) and Commissioner Greg Taylor, (Senator)

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Shanel Poole (Speaker Todd Huston), Vaneta Becker (Senator), Commissioner Dwayne Sawyer (Senator Rodric Bray), VACANT Commissioner (Governor Holcomb), Commissioner Vernon Smith (State Representative), and Commissioner Elijah Neal (Senator Rodric Bray).

Public Attendees: Sunny Lu Williams, President, TechServ Corporation and Anthony Phillips II.

A quorum was established for the February 17, 2023, meeting at 10:38am by Director Giles.

Chair’s Report: Chair Jones introduced Sunny Lu Williams, President, TechServ Corporation, who presented an overview of the 11th Anniversary of the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative (IBBHI) 2023. The presentation represented the event budget for the April 2023, events. Seven communities are participating, totaling 24 barbershops. Ms. Williams informed the commission \$15,000 is the yearly contribution from ICSSBM for the event and \$4,000 is suggested for the marketing plan. Following the presentation, the commission reviewed the estimated budget and questioned various line items. Commissioner Stephanie Slone motioned to approve the estimated budget. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner David Stewart. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y),

Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

In addition, the commissioned voted to accept the \$7,000 (from National Wellness Institute) roll-over from 2022, for the launch party. Commissioner Stephanie Slone motioned to approve the \$7,000 from the National Wellness Institute for the launch party. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner David Stewart. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2022, meeting. Commissioner Dave Rozzell motioned to approve the November 16, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Taylor. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

Next on the agenda was the approval of the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Kenneth Allen motioned to approve the January 18, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dave Rozzell. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

Review and Approval of the Financial Report: The next item on the agenda was the adoption of the financial report for January 2023. Commissioner Dave Rozzell motioned to approve the January financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dave Stewart. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

2023 Meeting Schedule: Commissioner Kari Jones presented the ICSSBM 2023 meeting schedule for the year for approval. Roll-call vote as follows: Commissioner Kenneth Allen (Y), Commissioner Damien Jones (Y), Commissioner Brian Murphy (Y), Commissioner Kesha Rich (Y), Commissioner Dave Rozzell (Y), Commissioner Stephanie Slone (Y), Commissioner David Stewart (Y), Commissioner Larry Stribling Jr. (Y), Commissioner Lamar Sykes (Y), Commissioner Tori Williams (Y) and Commissioner/Chair Kari Jones (Y).

Director's Report: Director Giles stated that he met with commissioners to discuss his long-range strategic plan as well as meeting with Sunny Lu Williams regarding the IBBHI. He followed up with conversation regarding the creation of sub-committees (Social Factors and Education). Commissioner Slone informed the group that we should wait to receive data and view the details before forming sub-committees. The commission agreed, and the creation of sub-committees are on hold until the commission reviews data on its five-key focus areas.

Unfinished Business: Commissioner Rozzell mentioned that a subcommittee was in existence to conduct research and produce an annual report. Commissioner Rozzell asked, "where is the data and what is the status?" He further stated, "we can start

with that data to create the 2022 annual report.” Director Giles responded that he would contact previous Commissioner Michael Parker and see if he has any data for the annual report.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Announcement for the Good of the Order: Commissioner Rozzell informed the commission that Legislative Day will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the state capital.

There being no further business to discuss, the ICSSBM February Commission meeting concluded at 12:28pm.