

Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs Special Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024

Meeting called to order by Toni Clarke at 5:06

p.m. Public Meeting Posting Announced

Roll Call

Demoine Adams - Present

Toni Clarke - Present

Connie Edmond - Present

Karine Sokpoh - Excused

LaShawn Young - Present

Gwen Easter - Present at 5:10 p.m.

Laban Njuguna - Excused

Clarice Jackson - Present

Glenn Freeman - Present

Trevon Brooks - Present

John Carter - Present

Quinten Brown - Present

Malinda Williams - Present

Dorothy Johnson - Present

Motioned made by Trevon Brooks and seconded by Connie Edmond to appoint Toni Clark as Vice Chair and Clarice Jackson as member at large.

During discussion, Commissioner Easter introduced comments that were not related to the agenda item. Several objections were lodged suggesting her comments were out of order. A point of order was raised; however, the Chair did not provide a ruling, allowing the member to continue with comments outside the scope of the discussion on the motion in front of the Commission.

Call for vote:

Demoine Adams - Yes Toni Clarke - Yes Connie Edmond - Yes LaShawn Young - Yes

Gwen Easter - No

Clarice Jackson – Yes

Glenn Freeman -Yes

Trevon Brooks Yes

John Carter - Abstain

Quinten Brown - Yes

Malinda Williams - Abstain

Dorothy Johnson - Abstain

Motion Carried: Yes - 8, No -1, Abstain - 3

Motion made by Connie Edmond motioned and seconded by Quentin Brown to move into Executive Session.

Roll Call vote: All yes

Public asked to step out and entered Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Returned to Public Session at 6:37 p.m.

Motion made by Quentin Brown and seconded by Malinda Williams to accept John Carter's resignation of Interim Exec Director, effective immediately.

Call for vote:

Demoine Adams - Yes

Toni Clarke - Yes

Connie Edmond - Yes

LaShawn Young - Yes

Gwen Easter – Abstain

Clarice Jackson - Yes

Glenn Freeman - Yes

Trevon Brooks Yes

John Carter - Abstain

Quinten Brown - Yes

Malinda Williams - Yes

Dorothy Johnson - Yes

Motion Carried: Yes - 10, No - 0, Abstain – 2

Motion by Gwen Easter to not vote on removing John Carter as Chair. No second. Motion failed.

Motion by Clarice Jackson and seconded by Glen Freeman to remove John Carter as Chair of Commission.

Discussion by Gwen Easter stating that this is not right. John Carter stated he was voted by

the majority, and we should not allow others in the state to run our commission. Call for vote:

Demoine Adams - Yes

Toni Clarke - Yes

Connie Edmond - Yes

LaShawn Young - No

Gwen Easter - No

Clarice Jackson - Yes

Glenn Freeman - Yes

Trevon Brooks Yes

John Carter - Abstain

Quinten Brown - Yes

Malinda Williams - Yes

Dorothy Johnson - Yes

Motion Carried: Yes - 9, No - 2, Abstain - 1

Motion by Glen Freeman to remove John Carter from commission. No second. Motion failed.

Public Comment: Asked to keep comments to 2 minutes.

Juanita Johnson, City Council woman for Omaha, District 2 Kenny Ingrahm, small business owner William King, 95.7 radio station

Motion by Toni Clarke and seconded by Connie Edmond to adjourn meeting.

Roll call vote: All yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.