



COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

April 15, 2025 | Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, NE 68508

Agenda Items

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Chairman Report
5. Finance Committee Report
6. Legislative Committee Report
7. Policy Committee Report
8. Strategic Planning Committee Report

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs was called to order at 3:02PM on April 15, 2025, in the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, NE 68508, in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1.

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411, emailed notice of this meeting was sent to each member of the Commission and was posted on the website, ncaaa.nebraska.gov, and on the state government calendar. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to the [Lincoln Journal Star](#), the [Omaha World-Herald](#), [KETV](#), and the [Omaha Star](#) through the Nebraska Press Association on April 9, 2025.

Commissioners Present:

Trevon Brooks
Quentin Brown
Tim Clark, Chair
Terri Crawford, Vice Chair
Gwen Easter
Connie Edmond
Clarice Jackson
Dorothy Johnson
Ted Lampkin
Joanna LeFlore-Ejike
Johnny Nesbit

Commissioners Absent:

Glenn Freeman

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

The Commission convened at 3:02PM. Attendance is indicated above.

III. Public Comments

Calvin Williams addressed the Commission regarding the sponsorship of Freedomtainment's Juneteenth Events.

Cedric Perkins addressed the Commission regarding the sponsorship of the Keep the Dream Alive Walk.

Helen Wakefield addressed the Commission regarding LB69 and her intentions in getting LB918 passed to establish the Commission.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion A motion was made to edit the minutes of the March 11 meeting within a week so that they may be approved at the next meeting of the Commission.

Action Voting Aye: Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Easter, Jackson, Lampkin, and Nesbit. Voting Nay: Edmond and Johnson. Voting Abstain: LeFlore-Ejike. Motion carried.

V. Policy Committee Report

Motion A motion was made to approve the bylaws.

Action Voting Aye: Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Easter, Edmond, Jackson, Johnson, Lampkin, LeFlore-Ejike, and Nesbit. Motion carried.

VI. Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Nesbit shared that a financial policy and conflict of interest policy document had been drafted in the spirit of fiduciary controls and good governance. Treasurer Nesbit also opened conversation to consider extending financial assistance to the Voice Advocacy Center.

Motion A motion was made to approve the Financial Policy as amended in discussion.

Action Voting Aye: Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Edmond, Jackson, Johnson, Lampkin, LeFlore-Ejike, and Nesbit. Voting Abstain: Easter. Motion carried.

Chair Clark requested a break for dinner. The Commission recessed at 5:30PM and Chair Clark reopened the meeting at 5:50PM.

Motion A motion was made to table the Conflict of Interest Policy so that it may be revised.

Action Voting Aye: Brooks, Brown, Crawford, Easter, Edmond, Jackson, Johnson, Lampkin, LeFlore-Ejike, and Nesbit. Motion carried.

Motion A motion was made to rescind the sponsorship approved to be disbursed to the Malcolm X Memorial Foundation at the March 11, 2025, meeting of the Commission.

Action Voting Aye: Brooks, Brown, Easter, Lampkin, and Nesbit. Voting Abstain: Crawford, Edmond, Jackson, Johnson, and LeFlore-Ejike.

VII. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Commissioner LeFlore-Ejike shared that given the day's conversation she would like to see if RobNik Strategies might be able to shorten their timeline from a six month strategic planning period to a three month period and amend the goals to also be inclusive of preparing materials for the hiring of a future Executive Director.

Adjournment

All further business was tabled to the May 20, 2025, meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Clark at 7PM.