

**Members Present:**

Andy Ansola  
Michael Everett  
Roland A. Foulkes  
Linda Houston-Jones (Treasurer)  
Paul Hyman  
Abraham Rashid  
Inez Romaguera  
Tom Runyan (Vice Chair)  
Leilani Smith-Tellez (Secretary)  
Sam Subramani

**Staff:** Al DiCalvo, Assistant County Attorney; Dalton Barrett, County Liaison, Helene Udell, Staff Liaison

The Broward County Diversity Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Vice Chair, Tom Runyan. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence. The roll was called by the Vice Chair.

**Presentation by Assistant County Attorney:** Al DiCalvo gave a presentation regarding the recent amendment to the Administrative Code as it pertains to the Council. The frequency of meetings, the quorum requirements, and attendance requirements were modified. Meetings may be on as infrequent a basis as quarterly. Since the Council desires to continue meeting every other month (the odd numbered months), Mr. DiCalvo will look into the process (if any) for approval of the Council's meeting schedule. For boards meeting more frequently than quarterly, missing two consecutive meetings (unexcused absences) or two meetings in a calendar year will result in removal from the Council. Members are required to advise staff at least two (2) business days prior to a meeting whether or not they will attend. Failure to do so will constitute an unexcused absence. A quorum is now a simple majority. Mr. DiCalvo will provide staff with a copy of the final, approved version of the provisions and same will be sent to members via e-mail.

**Council Action Approval of Minutes**

Roland A. Foulkes moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Inez Romaguera and was passed unanimously by the membership.

**Chair Report:** In the absence of the Chair, Leilani Smith-Tellez provided a brief report on the presentation by the Board of County Commissioners of its proclamation in honor of Moremi Akinde.

**Old Business**

Signature Event Subcommittee Report: Leilani Smith-Tellez suggested that the date of the event be pushed back to February or March 2010 since the committee has had difficulty meeting to work on the event. The committee has not garnered the necessary support to obtain a venue and prepare a proposal for presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Linda Houston-Jones suggested collaborating with another organization. Mr. Foulkes recommended contacting Maria Santamarina, Diversity Officer for Florida Atlantic University, who is planning a January 2010 interfaith event. Ms. Santamarina will be invited to attend the Council's September meeting.

Ms. Houston-Jones moved that the event be changed from a single sponsorship event to a collaborative event. The motion was seconded by Abraham Rashid and was carried unanimously by the membership. The committee: Inez Romaguera, Leilani Smith-Tellez, Sam Subramani, and Shevrin Jones was reconfirmed. Mr. Foulkes will assist in obtaining Ms. Santamaria's assistance and/or participation and Ms. Houston-Jones will lend her support and assistance.

Broward Sheriff's Office Diversity Efforts: Mr. Foulkes reported that he is a member of the Sheriff's Council on Diversity and Equal Opportunity. The Chair of that council is Dr. Henry Mack. It was suggested that Commander Wierzbicki be invited back to speak to the Diversity Advisory Council on the status of the Sheriff's Hate Crimes Taskforce. The Commander will be invited to the September meeting. Paul Hyman reported that his organization, Gay and Lesbian Community Center, recently hosted a community forum which included representatives of various police agencies, Sheriff Lamberti, Rep. Wasserman-Schultz, and other state legislators. The event was held to promote dialog and was attended by about 150 people.

**New Business:**

January Diversity Month Letters: Mr. Foulkes recommended that the process of sending letters to the mayors and city managers begin now. The Vice Chair requested that the letter used in the past be provided at the Executive Committee Meeting (with the meeting notice) so that new letters can be drafted; one letter for those who have provided a proclamation in the past and one letter for those who have not. A list of those cities which issued proclamations or resolutions last year will be compiled. There will be a third letter in the fall once the Council's signature event is on track and that letter will ask the cities about their own January events. Mr. Foulkes recommended that steps be taken to be certain that the first proclamation issue is the County's and that be done in December.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Foulkes recommended that the issue of a nominating committee for 2009/10 officers be taken up at the August Executive Committee meeting.

**New Direction/Round-a-Bout (Critical/Urgent Broward Community Issues)/  
Announcements and Public Comment**

Mr. Hyman reported that the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of South Florida is renovating a new facility on Dixie Highway in Wilton Manors which will have meeting spaces available for community use. Also GLCC is establishing a multi-agency youth services planning team.

Linda Houston-Jones announced her appointment to the Broward Cultural Council. Her expressed purpose is to ensure equal grant opportunities for diverse communities. She also asked that members focus on the Census process citing its importance to diverse communities.

Mr. Foulkes is also active in the Census process and serves on the Culture and Ethnicity Subcommittee. He attended the Census 2010 Caribbean Conference in Orlando.

Inez Romaguera is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners and her organization is seeking nominations for several awards including "Spirit of the Community", "Media Honoree", "Young Entrepreneur" and "Green Initiative". Ms. Romaguera will provide the nomination form to staff and it will be provided to members via e-mail.

The Vice Chair advised that there is a bill currently in Congress called the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. He urged that members contact their representatives in support of the measure.

Michael Everett offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Foulkes and was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

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Leilani Smith-Tellez, Secretary

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