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| **COAA September 2016 MINUTES**  **The following minutes are taken as the COAA/ MOAA and the public input was reported.** | | | |
| **11/3/2016** | **6:10PM** | **OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS** | **6th Floor** |
| Meeting Called By | Commissioner Udejiofor | | |
| Secretary | Commissioner Kedist Geremaw | | |
| Attendees | Commissioners: Kaba Aly, Lafayette Barnes, Page Cisse, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Kedist Geremaw, Loide Jorge, Abdel Maliky, Kotheid Nicoue, Lydia Nylander, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor.  Director Mamadou Samba, Deputy Director Heran Serke-Brhan Intern:  Public :John Jackson, Silvia Garrick, Georgette Hatcheu , Abeba Tadesse, TheodoreNgakhou, Ibiola Onoyele, Fatmata Koroma, Chance Gatoro, Jojo Bruce-Quansah,Noel Lebondzo. | | |
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| September Minutes | * Minutes were accepted with minor correction | | |
| Introduction | * Commissioner Udejiofor opened the meeting by welcoming the commissioners and public attendees. | | |
| STANDING BUSINESS | | | |
| COAA/MOAA  Issue 1:  Director:  Mamadou Samba  Issue 2  Commissioner Udejiofor  Issue 3  COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Reports  Issue 4:Community input/ public Discussion | * Director Samba talked about the Mayor’s priorities FY’17 Budget * The need for MOAA and COAA to work together on specific agendas   Commissioner St Vil expressed his willingness to collaborate as has been in the past “know your Rights “event.  Commissioner Jorge suggested to be informed ahead of time what  and when events will happen At a prior event since there was no  information and the group looked unprepared .So there will be a  synergy of collaboration.    Commissioner Aly stressed to focus to what has worked in the past  and what will work in the future.  Commissioner Ikenna- suggested in order to have an effective  collaboration COAA/MOAA to hold a retreat.   * Director Samba introduced Ali as the new full time language access staff .   Commissioner Jorge- the need for grantees to collaborate with a events  conducted by the office   * Brought the topic of COAA executive election and opened the forum for COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Report * Education, jobs and Economic development -Subcommittee member Commissioner St. Vil discussed about the upcoming Educational forum place yet to be determined Report N/A * Public Safety & Housing: Report N/A * Transportation and Environment: Report N/A * Health, Wellness & the Arts Report N/A * Civic and Community Engagement: no updates Report N/A   Public attendee   * Ms Sylvia Garrick asked ways by which the commission can be vehicle to the larger community.   How she was not informed to the activities MOAA is conducting.  It is the responsibility of each member to get in touch with the office through those means.   * Chance Gatero gave a presentation on global orphanage and refugee outreach. * -Georgette gave a presentation about the African women/ global women institute upcoming project * Theodore- talked about the need for COAA/MOAA to have visibility in the community by creating a collaborative spirit. | | |
| Upcoming events | N/A | | |

Ended: 8:30pm