

<b>COAA December 2016 MINUTES</b>			
<b>The following minutes are taken as the COAA/ MOAA and the public input was reported.</b>			
<b>12/7/2016</b>	<b>6:10PM</b>	<b>OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Floor</b>
Meeting Called By	Chair Akua Asare		
Secretary	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw		
Attendees	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Chibu Anyanwu, Akua Asare, Lafayette Barnes, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Kedist Geremaw, Abdel Maliky, Lydia Nylander, Ikenna Udejiofor, Director Mamadou Samba, Deputy Director Heran Sereke-Brhan, Bezawit Mane, Language Access Coordinator Aly Kaba, <u>Intern:</u> Donald Ndebeka.</p> <p><u>Public:</u> John Jackson, Silvia Garrick, Theodore Ngakhou, Rashida Bright, Yodit Shibru, Fatima Williams, Kiel Byrne, Sarah Walker, Paul Djiki, Ahmed Allo, Dr. Shelia Wojloh, Ify Nwabukwu.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted with minor corrections.</li> </ul>		
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair Asare opened the meeting by welcoming the Commissioners and public attendees.</li> </ul>		
<b>STANDING BUSINESS</b>			
<p>COAA/MOAA Issue 1: Director Samba</p> <p>Issue 2:</p> <p>Issue 3:</p>	<p>Director Samba noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The need to submit meeting minutes within 24 hours and posting on open access announcement within 48 hours.</li> <li>That once the meeting is accepted it will be posted on the MOAA site.</li> <li>The need to submit meeting agendas 3-days prior to the monthly COAA meeting.</li> <li>The need for MOAA and COAA to work together on specific agendas.</li> <li>Commissioner Maliky asked how and when Commissioners will receive e-mail accounts.</li> <li>Chair responded by saying she will contact the office which is tasked to provide access.</li> <li>Commissioner Nylander introduced Kiel Byrne who will be collaborating with MOAA and the January EKO cohort. The basic idea behind the project is to build on MOAA's African Business Directory create an app to locate African-owned businesses in the District of Columbia.</li> <li>Deputy Sereke-Brhan talked about the challenges of maintaining</li> </ul>		

<p>Issue 4:</p> <p>Issue 5: Chair Asare</p> <p>Issue 6: COAA Sub- Committee/ Project Reports</p> <p>Issue 7: Community input/ Public discussion</p>	<p>a current database with constant business closings and openings, and the difficulties of identifying African ownership of businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Byrne suggested a plan to use crowd source data collection method which will address these challenges.</li> <li>• Commissioner Abdel asked if a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between the parties involved.</li> <li>• Chair Asare opened the forum for COAA elections since the Commissioners Asare (Chair), Jorge (Vice-Chair), Geremaw (Secretary) have completed their term serving in these capacities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Udejiofor – conducted the election process; and two Commissioners, Geremaw and Nylander bid for Vice-Chair position.</li> <li>- The candidates pitched their bid for the position and Commissioner Nylander was voted Vice-Chair.</li> <li>- A follow up question by Director Samba and Commissioner Udejiofor was put forward and the candidates responded.</li> <li>- Commissioner Geremaw will reconsider running for Chair if the need arises in the future, but withdrew her bid.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education, Jobs and Economic development: Report N/A</li> <li>• Public Safety &amp; Housing: Report N/A</li> <li>• Transportation and Environment: Report N/A</li> <li>• Health, Wellness &amp; the Arts Report N/A</li> <li>• Civic and Community Engagement: no updates Report N/A</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public attendee: Introduced themselves and their affiliation.</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming events:</p>	<p>Election of COAA Officers will convene.</p>

Ended: 8:20pm