

## COAA MAY 2016 MINUTES

The following minutes are taken as the COAA/ MOAA and the public input was reported.

5/4/2016	6:22PM	MAYOR'S OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
<b>Meeting Called By:</b>	Chairwoman Akua Asare		
<b>Secretary:</b>	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Chibu Anyanwu, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Akua Asare, Lafayette Barnes, Kedist Geremaw, Loide Jorge, Kotheid Nicoue, Ify Nwabukwu, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor</p> <p><u>Director:</u> Mamadou Samba</p> <p><u>Deputy Director:</u> Heran Sereke- Brhan,</p> <p><u>Outreach Specialist:</u> Bezawit Mane,</p> <p><u>Outreach Liaison:</u> Endrias Amanuel</p> <p><u>Intern:</u> Donald Ndebeka</p> <p><u>Public:</u> John Jackson</p>		
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>			
<b>March/April Minutes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted</li> </ul>		
<b>Introduction:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission's Chair Asare opened the meeting by welcoming the Commissioners and public attendees.</li> </ul>		
<b>STANDING BUSINESS</b>			
<b>COAA/MOAA Issue 1: Director Samba</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOAA update Director Mamadou Samba expressed his condolences on behalf of MOAA about the passing of Commissioner Geremaw's father.</li> </ul> <p>Briefed all on the outcome of the DC Council hearing - mentioned the possibility of adding outreach and Language Access Outreach staff to the office.</p> <p>Carlos Rosario Public Charter School would like to partner with MOAA on the 'Get Out The Vote' initiative. The school has two campuses with 400 and 1500 students – about 400 of which are African adult learners.</p> <p>"Know Your Rights Forum" will take place on June 27, 2016 with the DC Mayor's presence.</p> <p>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young African ConneXion Summit will take place on July 15, 2016 in partnership with Howard University, Wagner College New York, UNESCO Center for Peace, and sponsorship from South African Airways, and media sponsors Africa Today TV, and COAA.</p> <p>Mandela Day of Service will happen on July 16, 2016, a day after the Summit.</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> annual DC Africa Festival August 27, 2016 Community Service Award recognition</p> <p>Panel discussion on the 10th year Anniversary Commemoration with participant from MOAA/ COAA member is part of the planning. The focus will be on the different programs and services that the office offers,</p>		

