

## COAA November 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	6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Meeting Called By	Commissioner Udejiofor		
Secretary	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw		
Attendees	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Kaba Aly, Lafayette Barnes, Page Cisse, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Kedist Geremaw, Loide Jorge, Abdel Maliky, Kotheid Nicoue, Lydia Nylander, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor.</p> <p>Director Mamadou Samba, Deputy Director Heran Serke-Brhan <u>Intern:</u> <u>Public</u> :John Jackson, Silvia Garrick, Georgette Hatcheu , Abeba Tadesse, TheodoreNgakhou, Ibiola Onoyele, Fatmata Koroma, Chance Gatoro, Jojo Bruce-Quansah, Noel Lebondzo.</p>		
September Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes were accepted with minor correction</li> </ul>		
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner Udejiofor opened the meeting by welcoming the commissioners and public attendees.</li> </ul>		
<b>STANDING BUSINESS</b>			
<p>COAA/MOAA Issue 1: Director: Mamadou Samba</p> <p>Issue 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director Samba talked about the Mayor's priorities FY'17 Budget</li> <li>The need for MOAA and COAA to work together on specific agendas</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner St Vil expressed his willingness to collaborate as has been in the past "know your Rights "event.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Commissioner Aly stressed to focus to what has worked in the past and what will work in the future.</p> <p>Commissioner Ikenna- suggested in order to have an effective collaboration COAA/MOAA to hold a retreat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director Samba introduced Ali as the new full time language access staff .</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Jorge- the need for grantees to collaborate with a events conducted by the office</p>		

<p>Commissioner Udejiofor</p> <p>Issue 3 COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Reports</p> <p>Issue 4:Community input/ public Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brought the topic of COAA executive election and opened the forum for COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Report</li> <li>• Education, jobs and Economic development -Subcommittee member Commissioner St. Vil discussed about the upcoming Educational forum place yet to be determined 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> <p>Public attendee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Sylvia Garrick asked ways by which the commission can be vehicle to the larger community.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chance Gatero gave a presentation on global orphanage and refugee outreach.</li> <li>-Georgette gave a presentation about the African women/ global women institute upcoming project</li> <li>- Theodore- talked about the need for COAA/MOAA to have visibility in the community by creating a collaborative spirit.</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming events</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Ended: 8:30pm