

COAA September 2016 MINUTES

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

9/6/2016	6:10PM	OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS	6 th Floor
Meeting called by:	Chairwoman Akua Asare		
Secretary	Commissioner Kedist Geremaw		
Attendees	<p><u>Commissioners:</u> Chibu Anyanwu, Akua Asare, Pape Cisse, Nana Afari-Dwamena, Kedist Geremaw, Abdel Maliky, Lydia Nylander, Willair St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofor</p> <p><u>Director</u> Mamadou Samba,</p> <p><u>Interns:</u> Semhal Hagos, Laju Esanara, Awo Aboli Elmi</p> <p><u>Public:</u> John Jackson, Remi Duyule, Daniel Koroma, Harriet Shangarai</p>		
June Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted with minor corrections. 		
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Chair Asare opened the meeting by welcoming the Commissioners and public attendees. 		
STANDING BUSINESS			
<p>COAA/MOAA Issue 1: Director: Mamadou Samba</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced the chair of Montgomery County African Advisory group Ms. Shangari, stated that the group is looking forward to collaborate and work together towards a common goal. MOAA and CASA panel discussion will be conducted during African Heritage Month. MOAA 10th anniversary celebration will take place at the Lincoln Theatre. 		
<p>Issue 2 Chair Asare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairwoman Asare discussed the training manual she had e-mailed. She requested that all sub committees send their report by September 16, 2016. The chair also informed Commissioners of a scheduled recess in October. Commissioners will conduct election of officers in December 2016. 		
<p>Issue 3 COAA Sub-Committee/ Project Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education, jobs and economic development -subcommittee member Commissioner St. Vil discussed the upcoming educational forum, venue yet to be determined. Public Safety & Housing: Report N/A Transportation and Environment: Report N/A Health, Wellness & the Arts: Report N/A Civic and Community Engagement: Report N/A 		

Issue 4:Community input/ public Discussion	Both public attendees Ms. Shangari and Mr. Kumora stressed the need for collaboration in order to make an impact on the lives of African in the Diaspora.
Upcoming events	September 9 - MOAA/ CASSA African Heritage Discussion September 21 - Education forum September 27 - MOAA 10 th anniversary

Ended: 8:30pm