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| **COAA SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES** | | | |
| **9/2/2015** | **6:06PM** | **OFFICE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS** | **6th Floor** |
| **Meeting Called By** | **Chairwoman/ Commissioner Akua Asare** | | |
| **Secretary** | **Commissioner Kedist Geremaw** | | |
| **Attendees** | **Commissioners: Akua Asare, Lafayette Barnes, Louisa Buadoo-Amoa ,**  **Nana Afari Dwamena, Chibu Anyanum, Chime Asonye, Kedist Geremaw , Loide Jorge, Kotheid Nicoe, Ify Nwabukwu, Willar St. Vil, Ikenna Udejiofar.**  **OAA Dir: Mamadou Samba Deputy Dir: Heran Sereke- Brhan**  **Outreach Specialist Bezawit Mane Interns: Fatoumata Conde**  **Public : name N/A** | | |
| **OLD BUSINESS** | | | |
| **August Minute** | * Minutes were moved with minor corrections for approval by Commissioner Louisa Buadoo-Amoa and by Commissioner Kedist Geremaw | | |
| **Introduction** | * Commissioner Chair Akua opened the meeting by welcoming the commissioners and public attendees name N/a | | |
| **STANDING BUSINESS** | | | |
| **COAA/OAA**    **Community input/ public Discussion** | * Director Mamadou Samba discussed: * The importance of effective communication; * The need to keep focus on the shared vision of MOAA; * The importance of a collaborative approach to problem solving; * COAA chair stated that moving forward, the meeting agenda will be set by COAA and that MOAA will provide copies for attendants. * The chair also reiterated that both MOAA and COAA should work towards the common goal, and common vision of the Mayor and the African immigrant population residing in the District. * The Chair stated that Commissioners contributed to the groundwork of the preliminary version of the bylaws by way of a conference call. * Commissioner Chime and Commissioner Louisa submitted COAA’s drafted bylaws. Additional edits were made to iArticles 111, XX-B, X-B, X1-A ,V-B . * The bylaws were set aside for Commissioner Nicoue and Commissioner Nina to review and provide final evaluation on as voted unanimously by COAA. * Commissioners Afari-Dwamena and Nicoue announced that their Community Liaison project is going well. * Commissioner Loide and Commissioner St.Vil expressed interest in working together with MOAA on the public safety task force initiative to strengthen community policing and to build trust between local police and the African immigrant community. * Commissioner Barnes briefed the attendees on the Regional Advisory Board that he is working on. | | |
| **OAA REPORT**  **Issue 1:**  **Director**  **Mamadou Samba**  **Unfinished business** | **N/A** | | |
| **NEW BUSINESS** | | | |
| **Upcoming events** | * Commissioners projected swear-in day for new members to be September 24, 2015. * Invitation will be extended by director of MOAA to Anthony Stevens (Associate Director of MOTA). * Regional Advisory Board meeting will be held October 3rd, place and time to be determined. | | |

**End of meeting 7:30PM**