

PINE BLUFF ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION
Special Called Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2023

A Special Called meeting of the Pine Bluff Advertising and Promotion Commission was held on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at the offices of the A&P Commission, 623 S. Main Street. This meeting was audibly recorded. These minutes are a summarization.

PRESENT:

Advertising and Promotion Commission

Ms. Berinda Eugene, Vice Chair
Mr. Glen Brown, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer (via teleconference)
Mr. Lloyd Holcomb, Jr. (via teleconference)
Ms. Rosie Pettigrew
Mr. Steven King
Mr. Jamie McAfee

Staff

Mrs. Sheri Storie, Executive Director
Mr. Jimmy Cunningham, Tourism Development Director
Mrs. Betty Brown, Recorder

Guests

Mr. Byron Tate, Pine Bluff Commercial
Mr. Scott Solomon, Delta Plex News
Mr. Michael McCray
Mr. George Stepps
Ms. Anne Anderson Cragg
Mr. Albert King
Mr. Ivan Whitfield
Ms. Lois Halford
Ms. Seana Howard

The topics to discuss according to the meeting agenda were:

Vacant Chair Position
Response to the Letter from NAACP
Aramark Matter

Call to Order:

Eugene called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM. She called for those Commissioners to state their name for the record.

Eugene presented the information that Lawson resigned and did not want the Commission to just assume the progression of selection of an individual for the position of A&P Chair.

Storie requested that all Commissioners be in compliance with the submission of the Statement of

Financial Interest required by law before voting on the Chair position. It was decided to table the Chair position.

Eugene then moved to the second topic and opened the floor for discussion. The NAACP made an inquiry to the former A&P Chair, John Lawson in May. When the NAACP did not receive a response in a timely manner and since John Lawson was not forthcoming, an inquiry was made to Storie as A&P Executive Director.

Storie emailed a response to the Commission prior to sending it to the NAACP. It was suggested that the response be reviewed for approval. The commissioners had the draft before them.

Eugene made a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss the letter. McCray and Tate stated the stipulations for an Executive Session were not apparent for this topic. Eugene asked if there was a second on the motion. Pettigrew seconded. McAfee and King were opposed. The Commission did not go into Executive Session.

The response letter was then discussed at length. The letter was amended striking the response of 2. a. pertaining to one of two conflicts of interest.

2. b was then discussed. It was determined that the information was correct. There were no further amendments or recommendations for change.

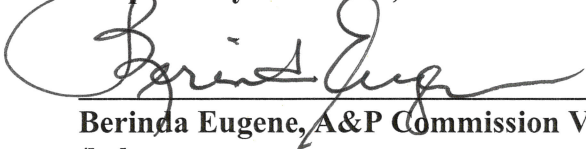
It was suggested by McAfee that in the future there be a signature form stating conditions of conflict of interest.

Pettigrew made a motion to accept the response draft letter as written with the removal of 2. a. and that Pettigrew provide the clarifying information that is to be added to the minutes. Holcomb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Eugene then identified the third topic and Storie reminded the Commission that a request for reconsideration was filed as discussed at the last meeting. Attorney Kearny has filed an appeal as well. Storie also reminded the Commission that Kearny is scheduled to present the outline of the timeline of filings and answer questions on the regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. No action was taken.

With no further business to be discussed McAfee moved to adjourn. King seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Berinda Eugene, A&P Commission Vice Chair
/beb



Sheri Storie, A&P Executive Director

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