

# **1696 Historical Commission Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2015**

**The Subcommittee will not hold any further meetings therefore the minutes are approved by Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea, Chairperson.**

**The members of the 1696 Historical Commission Subcommittee met on August 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 203 of the Rhode Island State House.**

## **Commission members present:**

**Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea, Chairperson**

**Keith Stokes, Mayforth Group**

**Mary Gwann**

**Geralyn Ducady, Haffenreffer Museum, Brown University**

**Elyssa Tardif, RI Historical Society**

**Mary Ann Snider, RI Department of Education, Vice Chairperson**

## **Commission members absent:**

**Julia Jordan-Zachery, Providence College**

**Rochelle Lee**

**Valerie Tutson, RI Black Storytellers**

**Theresa Moore, T-Time Productions**

## **Staff present:**

**Tracey Croce, Local Government Records Analyst**

**Tom Evans, State Librarian**

**Jason Martiesian, Director of Legislative Affairs**

**Jason Hernandez, Director of Community Relations**

**Guests:**

**There were no guests in attendance.**

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

**Secretary Gorbea called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.**

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

**A motion was made by Elyssa Tardif and seconded by Geralyn Ducady to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 Subcommittee meeting. Elyssa asked to make a correction on the spelling of her last name in the minutes. The minutes were approved.**

### **III. Alternative for grant support**

**Jason Hernandez, Director of Community Relations for the Department of State read an email from Theresa Moore updating the Subcommittee members on the Black Philanthropy Fund grant that is due on September 17, 2015. Keith Stokes and Elyssa Tardif agreed to take the lead on drafting the application.**

**No votes were taken.**

### **III. Other updates from Subcommittee members**

**A date to meet with the Choices Program at Brown University is confirmed for Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The meeting will take place in the Office of Secretary of State Room 38 at 9 a.m. Choices is set up to design and develop school curricula and also provide professional development consultation. All Commission members will be invited to the meeting with Choices. The Rhode Department of Education hosts a monthly meeting with Assistant Superintendants and Principals and suggested the Commission attend and present the curriculum guide outline.**

**Secretary Gorbea reviewed next steps to be taken by Commission members:**

**Invite newly appointed RI Education Commissioner Dr. Ken Wagner to the next full Commission meeting.**

**Keith Stokes will have a draft of the RFQ ready for review by Commission members at its next meeting.**

**Arrange meeting with Choices Program.**

**Public forum date is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2015.**

**The upcoming meeting for the full Commission is scheduled for September 10, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the Rhode Island State House Room 203.**

**No votes were taken.**

#### **IV. Public Comment**

**No public comment.**

#### **V. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.**

#### **Hand-outs:**

**Black Philanthropy Fund Grant Overview and Background**

**Black Philanthropy Fund Grant Application**