

Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males

Nick Pollock
Chairman

Robert Johnson
Vice-Chairman

LaSquilla Cooper
Secretary

W. Faye Moore
Treasurer-

Minutes of Meeting: July 9, 2025

Location: ALCO Studios 301 8th Street

Recorded and in person and Zoom

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males is to study the social conditions of the state's black male population, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for Hoosiers. The Commission serves policymakers and public interest groups, as well as the media, community organizations and members of the general public.

Called to Order: Commissioner Nick Pollock, Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: **Present:** Danny Armstrong, Walter Cox Pastor Dwayne Hurt, Pastor Robert Johnson, Willie Milsap, W. Faye Moore, Nick Pollock, Makiyah Smallwood by Zoom, Joseph Nelson and Kameesha Williams.

Absent: Stasi Benning (A/E), LaSquilla Cooper (A/E), Michael Jones (A/E), and Taylor Tillman (work). Kenny Fly-Resigned

Approval of Minutes: No minutes, therefore they were tabled.

Treasurer's Report: No activity June until today, July 9, 2025. Account Balance: \$4,370.94

Old Business:

- (A) Juneteenth was a very nice event. Nick Pollock, W. Faye Moore and Danny manned the table. Commissioner Joseph Nelson attended with his daughter. We had very few people visit our booth. This is an event that probably needs a resource table with brochures for people to take. They really were eating and socializing, enjoying the entertainment, etc. The table, tent and cooler are at Commissioner Moore's house for the next event.
- (B) Midnight Hoops will start July 13, 2025 at YMCA Gym @ 6:30pm The Social Status Commission has a table for us to be present to talk to the people in attendance. The other dates are: July 20 & 27; August 3 is the Championship game and Aug. 10th is the Awards night. Nick said he would be out of town in July. Pastor Hurt said he would be there some of the nights.

New Business: Danny Armstrong introduced our speaker who was on Zoom for this meeting. Mr. Emmanuel Turner, Area Director.

This was a twenty-twenty five minute presentation with questions and answers. Highlights;

- 19 different Apprentice program
- Must take drug test- DCRC
- Two week OSHA 10 training and testing
- Prepare you for your apprentice test
- Training in Gary, Indiana with a possibility of a Class in October in Michigan City. Classes are Monday-Friday, 8-4 pm Contact information: (219) 884-4503 eturner@indianaplan.org –
- We received information on the CORE Program
- Two Correctional Facilities are teaching inmates how to install SOLAR Panels.

Committee Reports:

Education

Back To School Rally – Saturday, August 9, 2025 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **There was some discussion about what was done last year and Commissioner Cox made a motion to spend \$250 on supplies for the Back to School Rally. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hurt. Motion passed.**

Health: Commissioner Johnson

Minority Health is revamping their programs. Commissioner Johnson stated he will have more information at the August meeting.

Employment: Commissioner Willie Milsap

Commissioner Milsap passed out information about Howmet having (4) vacancies- located in LaPorte. Commissioner Milsap stated his information is from WORKONE -317 Detroit Street, Michigan City. Amazon openings QR Code –Starting pay \$19.50
July 30, 2025 Job Fair in Merrillville and Comfort Health Flyer

Criminal Justice: No Report

Social Factors: No Report

Public Comment: No (Present: Jackie Dyer and Booker Coleman)

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kameesha Williams: I did not make last month's meeting; however, I did watch it on Also.

Commissioner Moore- Reminder that we have a B. J. Ashley Scholarship. The application is on line. We also worked with Friendship Garden and Rimmer Binder to get an, "African Garden" with Native African Plants at Friendship International Garden on HWY 12. They need volunteers to help maintain the garden.

Commissioner Hurt- Welcome Ms. Williams.

Commissioner Milsap – Welcome to Commissioner Williams and thanked the Police and Fire Department for getting Michigan City through the Fourth of July Weekend with no major problems.

Commissioner Danny Armstrong – Want to be a part of the Back to School Rally.

Commissioner Cox – Welcome Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Pollock - **next meeting august 13, 2025 at NOON –Alco Mtg. Room**

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm

Submitted by: Commissioner Moore
August 5, 2025