

## Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males

Nick Pollock	Robert Johnson	Kameesha Williams	W. Faye Moore
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer-</b>

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**Minutes of Meeting: September 17, 2025 - Noon**  
**@ Alco Studios 301 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan City**  
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Called to Order: Commissioner Nick Pollock

Commissioner Pollock apologize for the late meeting. Our regular meeting was supposed to be September 10, 2025, however the notice was late and we had to reschedule.

Call to Order Approximately 12:18 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: All Standing

<u>Roll Call:</u> Nick Pollock (Mayoral appointment 12/31/2026)	<b>Present</b>
Robert Johnson (Minority Health Partners 02/15/2027)	
Faye Moore (Mayoral Appointment 12/31/2026)	<b>Present</b>
LaSquilla Cooper (Council Appointment 02/15/2026)	
Stasi Benning (Council Appointment 02/15/2026)	
Dwayne Hurt (MCAS 02/15/2026)	
Mike Jones (NAACP 02/15/2026)	
Dannie Armstrong (Mayoral Appointment 12/31/2026)	<b>Present</b>
Walter “Tony” Cox (Mayoral appointment 02/13/2027)	<b>Present</b>
Willie Milsap (Swanson Center 02/15/2027)	<b>Present</b>
Kameesha Williams (Human Rights Dept. 02/15/2027)	<b>Present</b>
Makiyah Smallwood (Mayoral appointment 03/01/2027)	
Joseph Nelson (Council appointment – Council Liaison – voting Member)	
	<b>Present</b>

### **7-Quorum**

Absent: A/E Robert Johnson (tried to get on zoom, link not working)  
A/E LaSquilla Cooper (Job change unavailable at noon)  
A/E Stasi Benning (Job obligation due to time change of meeting)  
A/E- Dwayne Hurt – Doctor appoint. Could not change  
Absent – Mike Jones  
Absent – Makiyah Smallwood

Approval of Minutes: August minutes tabled –Motion by Commissioner Milsap; Seconded by Commissioner Cox - Motion Carried – No Nays.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report – Tabled until next month – No Changes from August 2025. Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner motion to table. Motion passed. No Nays.

Old Business:

1. Letter to City Council –Commissioner Pollock has revised the letter to City Council requesting Michigan City Council and the Mayor to support the Commission of Social Status of African American Males mission statement annually in the amount of \$5,000. (Letter attached to minutes)

New Business:

1. CORE -= Training Program in the trades, carpenters, plumbers, electrician, etc. Danni Armstrong goal is **to get youth educated for work at the Data Center**. He will check into what jobs will be available after construction and what the qualifications will be and hope to set-up some training sessions before 2027. Dannie says he is currently working with NCCAA and has access to a site to have the training classes.
2. Councilman Joseph Nelson will check on the Hiring Ordinance and see if it can be amended to include paying for training with the fines/fees from violations.

Commissioner Nick Pollock stated that there are Union Workers from Michigan City and LaPorte at the Data Center Site Union Carpenters, Electricians and Plumbers. Also New Carlie can have 100 people working in one building at their site.

3. Nick has spoken up for the Neighborhood grant monies that the City is offering for projects. He is asking for \$3,000. Commissioner Milsap made a motion that if we get the \$3,000 that \$1,000 go toward each of the following projects (1) Neighborhood clean up (2) B. J. Ashley Scholarship (3) CORE program for supplies, etc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox. Motion passed after some discussion.

Subcommittee Reports:

Education – FLYER – “Mentors Needed” (Attachment)

Health: Minority Health Coalition banquet is Saturday -6:00 pm at Orak Shriner's Temple – Commissioner Nick Pollock has paid for six tickets in the amount of \$300.00. Commissioner Pollock needs reimbursement, according to our August minutes where a motion was made to support the Minority Health Coalition banquet. Commissioner Pollock sent out an email asking Commissioners if they wanted to attend and only two Commissioners responded.

Employment – Commissioner Milsap passed out the following:

- Flyer- Work One
- Union Application Information (websites)
- CDL Training –Get paid while you train.
- Career in green jobs (800-372-9168)
- Electrician Trade (614-634-8195- Jennifer Richards) – Flyer had QR Code

Criminal Justice:

- Michigan City Police Dept. starting their Citizen’s Police Academy – Accepting applications – Closes October 3, 2025

Social Factors:

Nothing

Public Comment:

None

Commissioner Comments:

**Commissioner Armstrong-** I will have information at next meeting about Data Centers. Question? When will we start a budget for next year?

**Commissioner Joseph Nelson:** We need to market and advertise more. The City is starting a Dumpster Program at the City Airport for large items such as couches, tables, etc. instead of placing them on the sidewalk for Refuse Dept. The dumpsters are available Wednesday & Saturday 8:00 am. - Noon. You must show Michigan City ID. September 27 ends this program. Also, Pat Volk from the Park Dept has a trailer for Neighborhood Clean-ups.

**Commissioner Milsap:** Commissioner Nelson has a program, “Adopt a Street.” This program encourages residents to take pride of their Street and help pick up trash.

**Commissioner N. Pollock:** I will speak to the IT Department and see how we can get more information on the website.

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2025 at NOON

Minutes submitted by: Commissioner Faye Moore