

Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of African American Males

Nick Pollock Robert Johnson Kameesha Williams W. Faye Moore
Chairman **Vice-Chairman** **Secretary** **Treasurer**

Minutes of Meeting: October 8, 2025 - Noon
@ Alco Studios 301 8th Street, Michigan City
www.accesslaportecounty.org

Called to Order: Commissioner Nick Pollock

Call to Order Approximately 12:11 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: All Standing

Roll Call:

Nick Pollock (Mayoral appointment 12/31/2026) **Present**
Robert Johnson (Minority Health Partners 02/15/2027) **Present**
Faye Moore (Mayoral Appointment 12/31/2026) **Present**
LaSquilla Cooper (Council Appointment 02/15/2026) **Present**
Stasi Benning (Council Appointment 02/15/2026) **Absent (excused)**
Dwayne Hurt (MCAS02/15/2026) **Present**
Dannie Armstrong (Mayoral Appointment 12/31/2026) **Present**
Walter “Tony” Cox (Mayoral appointment 02/13/2027) **Present (zoom)**
Michael “Mike” Jones (NAACP- Council Appointment 2/15/2026) **Absent**
Willie Milsap (Swanson Center 02/15/2027) **Present**
Kameesha Williams (Human Rights Dept. 02/15/2027) **Present**
Makiyah Smallwood (Mayoral appointment 03/01/2027) **Absent**
Joseph Nelson (Council appointment –Council Liaison – voting Member) **Absent**

9-Quorum

Absent:

A/E Stasi Benning
Absent – Mike Jones
Absent – Makiyah Smallwood
Absent– Joseph Nelson

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Milsap motion to approve September minutes– Pastor Johnson seconded. Motion passed. No Nays.

Treasurer’s Report: Current balance is 3,370.94. Commissioner Milsap motion to approve– Pastor Hurt seconded. Motion passed. No Nays.

Old Business: Chairman Pollock motion to approve reimbursement for Minority Health Coalition

Real Men Wear Pink tickets– Pastor Johnson seconded. Motion passed. No Nays.

New Business:

1. Guest speaker Monique Thomas- HR Director for LaPorte County Government
Thomas discussed multiple job openings including equipment operators, law enforcement, EMTs, and more.

Thomas explained the hiring process, the structure of the LaPorte County offices/positions, salaries, turnover rates, required experience for positions, and how she got her position.

Thomas encouraged those that are interested to stop by the office located at 555 Michigan Ave suite 104 LaPorte, Indiana.

Subcommittee Reports:

Education – Pastor Hurt mentioned 4 new individuals cleared to work in schools to mentor youth at Joy, Knapp, Springfield, and Lake Hills.

Health: Pastor Johnson mentioned the success of the breast cancer walk on October 4, 2025, a breast cancer seminar for men and women at Pentecostal church (date to be determined), and the importance of both men and women learning about breast cancer.

Commissioner Moore mentioned the SHE conference on October 4 at PNW and how successful and informational it was.

Employment – Commissioner Milsap passed out the following:

- Flyer- Work One
- Bass Pro Shop
- Travail With Us, LLC

Criminal Justice:

No comment

Social Factors:

Commissioner Moore mentioned

- Walker st Garden Harvest festival October 11 1p-5p
- Flyers for Grace Learning center upcoming/available programs
- Meals on Wheels Trivia night October 12, 2025 6p-10p

Public Comment:

None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Armstrong- will provide a update for Core classes Majik Faktory at next meeting and invites the public to

Commissioner Milsap: asked if there is an update about local unions working at the data center; Commissioner Pollock mentioned that there are about 9 union members now working onsite.

Commissioner Hurt: Encouraged everyone to wear gloves at the gas station while pumping gas after receiving a call that a citizen was exposed to Meth after touching the gas pump handle.

Commissioner Johnson: Encouraged everyone to pray for our country and the government during the shutdowns.

Commissioner Williams: Passed out a flyer looking for school-based mentors

Commissioner Moore: Thanked everyone for showing up to meetings and encouraged the commissioners to come up with an engagement opportunity by March. Commission Armstrong suggested a blood pressure check and Commissioner Milsap mentioned the Core, Neighborhood clean up, scholarship, and the back to school rally are all active engagements that have been completed or are underway.

Commissioner Cooper: Suggested a children's reading program with a rewards program. Commissioner Johnson mentioned that we need to start implementing our ideas and requested more information on the program. Commissioner Pollock liked the idea. Commissioner Cooper will provide more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pollock: Mentioned that he updated the donation request letter to reflect Commissioner Williams and the meeting time is noon

Adjournment: Commissioner Milsap made a motion to adjour– seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passes. No Nays

NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2025 at NOON

Minutes submitted by: Commissioner Kameesha Williams