

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: February 11, 2026 - Noon
@ Alco Studios 301 8th Street, Michigan City
www.accesslaportecounty.org

Called to Order: Commissioner Nick Pollock

Call to Order Approximately 12:00 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) **Absent**
Stasi Benning (Council Appointment 02/15/2026) **Absent**
Dwayne Hurt (MCAS 02/15/2026) **Present**
Dannie Armstrong (Mayoral Appointment 12/31/2026) **Present**
Walter “Tony” Cox (Mayoral appointment 02/13/2027) **Absent**
Willie Milsap (Swanson Center 02/15/2027) **Present**
Kameesha Williams (Human Rights Dept. 02/15/2027) **Absent (AE)**
Makiyah Smallwood (Mayoral appointment 03/01/2027) **Absent**
Linda Fay Conley (NAACP 02/15/2028) **Absent (AE)**
Joseph Nelson (Council appointment –Council Liaison) **Present**

7-Quorum

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve with date correction.
Pastor Johnson Seconded. No Nays. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: \$4,574.19 January balance including Mayors grant deposit from December.
Pending check for Salvation Army in amount of \$250. Mr. Milsap made a motion to table the
treasurers report til March meeting. Pastor Johnson seconded. No Nays. Motion passed.

Old Business: Mrs. Moore mentioned attending the Board member workshop

and suggested we all watch on ALCO

Dannie Armstrong made a motion to purchase books instead of tools for workplace development grant of \$1000. Pastor Johnson seconded. No Nays. Motion passed.

Mrs. Moore went over B.J Ashley Scholarship application rules and history. Pastor Hurt stated that his church will be matching the grant. Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve. Pastor Hurt seconded. No Nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Milsap stated that he will have more information about the Neighborhood Clean-up grant at March meeting.

New Business: Chairman Pollock stated that Mrs. Conley was appointed to the Commission effective in February, Danny Armstrong Jr. will be joining the commission and there may be another new commissioner replacing Mr. Smallwood.

Chairman Pollock mentioned that the Annual report is due and for all subcommittees to submit their reports asap. He also mentioned that he wants more guest speakers. Councilman Nelson suggested a Unity Foundation representative.

Subcommittee Reports:

Education – No report.

Health: Pastor Johnson mentioned there will be a Medicaid seminar and he will have a date at the next meeting.

Employment – Commissioner Milsap passed out the following:

- Flyer- Work One job openings
- CDL training and job opportunities
- Union job/training opportunitites

Criminal Justice: No report.

Social Factors:

Commissioner Moore made a motion to reimburse \$250 donation for Black History Month activities. Pastor Hurt seconded. Motion passes. No Nays. Commissioner Moore also mentioned Black History Month movie night every Thursday in February from 5:30-7p,

February 14, 2026 is the Black History Month quizbowl 11-1p at YMCA
Sunday February 15, 2026 is the Gospel Fest/dinner fundraiser at Pentecostal Temple Church
at 4-7p

Public Comment:

None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hurt: He needs information in regards to the BJ Ashley scholarship and his church is ready to contribute.

Commissioner Moore: March 14 St Patricks day parade, Easter egg hunt April 4th, May 23-24 Foodtruck festival, June 19th Juneteeth Celebration, hazardous waste dropoff May 16th at Laporte County Fairgrounds, and encouraged everyone to utilize the resource table at City Hall.

Commissioner Johnson: Mentioned the commission is important and encouraged everyone to keep the dignity of the commission.

Commissioner Hurt: Mentioned that today will be his last meeting and thanked the commission.

Commissioner Milsap: Mentioned that he will begin working on the Neighborhood Clean up initiative with Councilman Nelson

Adjournment:

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2026 at 4:30p

Minutes submitted by: Commissioner Kameesha Williams