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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Black Affairs
Saturday, August 11, 2018
Regular Meeting 9:00AM – 9:30AM
Oregon State Bar, Sandy Room
16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Tigard OR 97224

ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Absent
Vice Chair: Lawanda Manning
Commissioners: Angela Addae (phone), Djimet Dogo, Mariotta Gary-Smith (phone),
Senator Monroe
Absent: Jamal Fox, Kayse Jama, Musse Olol, Representative Janelle Bynum
Guests: Reyna Lopez, Executive Director, PCUN; Trisa Kelly, Multnomah County
Human Resources/Facilitator
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer, Dr. Connie Kim-Gervey

I. Meeting Called to Order – Vice-Chair Lawanda Manning opened the meeting due to Chair Jamal Fox's unexpected absence. She called the meeting to order at 9:09am. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

II. Review and approval of agenda and minutes

- A. Review and approval of OCBA August 2018 Meeting Agenda
MOTION ((Monroe/Dogo): The agenda was approved as written. CARRIED.
- B. Review and approval of OCBA June 2018 Meeting Minutes
MOTION (Gary-Smith/Dogo): The June meeting minutes were approved as written. CARRIED.

III. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

IV. Oregon Voting Rights Act (OVRA)

Vice Chair Manning welcomed Reyna Lopez, Executive Director of PCUN, to discuss the Oregon Voting Rights Act which a coalition of community organizations hope to have introduced in the 2019 legislature. At-large elections have been shown to largely exclude people of color from being elected to city councils, county commissions, and school boards across Oregon. At large elections often, as has been the case for Portland city council remain dominated by members who all or mostly live in one or two affluent, or dominant culture neighborhoods. Requiring district representation in such elections is important to assuring that representatives from all areas of a jurisdiction are elected to local governing bodies.

Washington state passed a Voting Rights Act in 2015 which the coalition is using as a model to create a Legislative Concept for an Oregon Voter Rights bill in 2019. Discussion followed. The Commission was very interested in the subject and asked how they can support the coalition's efforts. She asked OCBA to consider becoming a partner in the work. Noting the interest by the Commission, Vice Chair Manning called for a motion to support development of the LC, and become part of the coalition supporting it as a bill for the 2019 session.

MOTION (Monroe/Dogo): For OCBA to support the Oregon Voting Rights Act initiative and become part of the coalition supporting it in the 2019 legislature, CARRIED.

V. Administrator's Report

A. Ratification of e-vote for OACO 2019-21 Budget

The OACO has submitted its Agency Request Budget (ARB). It includes 2 Policy Option Packages (POPs): One to increase the Operations & Policy Analyst 3 position to full-time. This would provide the much needed support to staff the OAC's new committee structure, which includes Workgroups and Community Advisory Councils for existing and new public policy research projects. The second POP will add a full time Office Specialist 1 position to take over the back-end administrative work Nancy has routinized. The position will be supervised by Nancy who can devote more time to her project management support for an increasing number of public policy research projects championed by the Commissions and associated legislative work.

MOTION (Addae/Gary-Smith): To ratify the e-approval of the OACO's Agency Request budget for 2019-2021 with additional 1.5 FTE staffing request, CARRIED.

B. OACO Strategic Plan review

The OACO's Strategic Plan is revised and updated to reflect the Joint Commissions' decision to have the work of the OACs be based in Intersectionality, the OACs' Policy Arc, Rural analysis, and new types of partnerships for research and leadership development. The Commissions discussed and approved this focus at the annual Joint Meeting in October 2017, and have been successfully integrating these concepts into their work since then.

The OACO Strategic Plan is different from the individual OAC's Strategic Plans in that it guides the Chairs and the OACO Administrator in prioritizing and focusing the staff support to the OACs provided by the OACO. As such, it guides the OACO staffing plan, the biennial budget, the types of materials it produces for the OAC's, its website design and content, key communications, and other overall aspects of its agency and support. Commissioners were asked to review the OACO's Strategic Plan and send any comments to Lucy by August 15.

C. OAC's Annual Joint meeting

The 2018 annual Joint Meeting of the OACs may be scheduled to coincide with December Legislative Days. Nancy will work to reserve rooms in Salem for the meeting, starting with the Capitol building and the State Library. Other options may be needed as the Capitol undergoes an extensive building project.

VI. For the Good of the Order:

- A. Next mtg Friday, October 12, 2018, Oregon State Bar, 11:30am – 1:30pm

VII. Adjourn – Acting Chair Lawanda Manning adjourned the meeting at 9:55am.

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