

Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture

Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2023

Morgan State University
University Boulevard, Suite 316
Baltimore, Maryland 21401

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Kali-Ahset Amen, Lori Bradford, Vice Chair Maya Davis, H. Russell Frisby, Wali Gill, Janice Curtis Greene, Kara Hunt, Jaelon Moaney, Brian Morrison, Ada Pinkston, Hakeem Tijani, Reggie Turner, Elinor Thompson, Kennedi Wilson, and Chair Edwin T. Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chair Edwin T. Johnson.

Proof of Public Notice

Accepted by general consensus.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to be made in accepting the minutes of April 3, 2023 and June 5, 2023. Commissioner H. Russell Frisby made a motion to accept the minutes for April 3rd. Commissioner Reggie Turner seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Welcome

Chair Johnson welcomed the 11 new MCAAHC Commissioners, the public, and the MCAAHC Commissioners to the sacred campus of Morgan State University (MSU).

- Chair Johnson shared that the MCAAHC was birthed out of Morgan State University. (MSU)
- He said that Senator Verda Welcome was a co-founder of the MCAAHC and was also alum of MSU.
- Professor Benjamin Quarles was a scholarly rock star who is posthumously a foremost authority and scholar on Frederick Douglass on the MSU campus who assisted Senator Welcome with what was then called the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture.
- Chair Johnson said that it was appropriate that the MCAAHC hosts its first public meeting on this campus.
 - He said that as we approach the 60th anniversary on the March on Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr. received an honorary doctorate from Morgan State University.
 - On June 2, 1958, Chair Johnson shared that there are excerpts of Dr. King's, "I Have a Dream Speech" at MSU.
 - Students of MSU heard excerpts of this great speech 5 years before Dr. King gave it on the mall.
 - Chair Johnson also shared that Malcolm X debated MSU Professor Dr. August Myer on Black Nationalism vs. Integration on March 28, 1962.
 - Vice Chair Johnson then turned the floor over to Executive Director Chanel Johnson.

Director's Reports

Executive Director Chanel Johnson

Executive Director Johnson thanked the MCAAHC and the public for allowing her to give her Director's Report.

- She took the moment to recognize the BDM staff: Ms. Jan Lee, Director of Marketing; Ms. Shelly Holland, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Sabriyah Hassan, Director of Programs; and LeRonn Herbert, Special Assistant with the MCAAHC and Administrative Manager, Banneker-Douglass Museum.
- Chair Edwin T. Johnson took a moment to recognize former Chair Emeritus Tamara England Wilson.
 - Chair Johnson shared that she is the reason that the expansion of the new operational budget increase of the BDM from \$600,000 to \$1.6 million as well as the increase of the MCAAHC's African

American Heritage Preservation Grant from \$1 million to \$5 million is because of her strong and mighty efforts.

August & September -Visitation & Engagement

Channel	Followers/Subscribers	Reach/Views
Onsite Visitation	–	1,352
Website (BDM + MCAAHC)	–	5,090
Facebook	2,615 (+1.5%)	10,807
Instagram	1,954 (+4.3%)	1,524
YouTube	180	406 (+52%)
LinkedIn	151 (+27.9%)	34
Totals	4,900	19,213

Marketing & Communications Highlights:

- Facebook Live with on-air personality Persia Nicole posted to various Radio One Baltimore and DC radio station social media channels. This also included: Magic 95.9 and 92Q Baltimore, in partnership with Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Black History 365 Juneteenth promo (June 14, 2023) - https://fb.watch/mbzw9Kn2_y/
- Governor Wes Moore and First Lady Dawn Moore used the Banneker-Douglass Museum as the backdrop for their Juneteenth video message to the State of Maryland, which has garnered over 3k views (June 17, 2023) - <https://fb.watch/mbBjw6CGuG/>

Media Coverage:

- Afro News: The Black Media Authority posted an article about new chair w/photo - ‘Commission on African American History and Culture names new chair’ (July 10) <https://afro.com/commission-on-african-american-history-and-culture-names-new-chair/>
- The Gallery column by Patrice Drago: ‘There will be artists in ‘plain’ sight all around Annapolis in June’, The Capital (June 1, 2023) <https://www.capitalgazette.com/lifestyles/ac-ce-patrice-drago-column-june4-20230601-5hbzI5krbrvl5z2yvjet44fi-story.html>

The Gallery

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Artists in 'plein' sight all around in June

By Patricia Drago
Columnist

"And when we're outside in June, there's just a sense of peace and joy," says artist **Monica Ikegwu**, who is exhibiting her work in the monthly column. Art is an essential and meaningful activity, bringing us to get out and explore. The work is done in the moment, with a sense of joy and discovery. It's a chance to express our feelings and thoughts in a way that is both personal and universal. The artists in this column are encouraged to explore their own unique perspectives and to share them with the community. The artists in this column are encouraged to explore their own unique perspectives and to share them with the community. The artists in this column are encouraged to explore their own unique perspectives and to share them with the community.



The Annapolis Gallery Association monthly column, *The Gallery*, features the piece *Sage* by Monica Ikegwu (bottom left) from *The Radical Voice of Blackness Speaks of Resistance and Joy* exhibition.



(Left to Right) Lindley Buccì of Radio One, Persia Nicole, Radio One On-Air Personality, and Executive Director Chanel C. Johnson after a Facebook Live— part of a Visit Annapolis/Black History 365 promotion to encourage African American heritage tourism in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

Facilities & Administration:

- **Maintenance work**-BDM has procured bids for the fixing of the HVAC system in the Mt. Moriah AME church or FY24.
- **Volunteers:** 4 Volunteers gave a total of 22 hours.

VISITATION

Visitor Groups	June
Other Group Visits	Marcie Deveaux Family visit, 21st Century Club, Foot Hill School of the Arts, Friend's John Makell Scholarship Fund, Providence Center, Calvary Baptist Church, The Angel Wing Project, James Madison Legacy Project, The Tutoring Spot, and Harriet Tubman Women's program. 282 visitors.
Individual Visitors	292 visitors
BDM Events	BDM Juneteenth Program 80 visitors
Total Visitor	654 visitors

Visitor Groups	July
Other Group Visits	Dr. Benjamin Quarles Institute, Chester Wye Inc., Spaulding Family, She the People Politics Camp, The Pierce Family, Medley Family Reunion, YBC Program, Bay-CSS, City of Annapolis Internship. 146 individuals.
Docent Tour	Emily Squires & the MD State Archives Interns, Carr's & Sparrow's Beach Family Reunion Docent Tour. 37
Individual Visitors	515 Visitors
Total Visitor	698 visitors

Collections and Exhibits

Art Recovery and Reconciliation Meeting: On January 25th, the vive, or staff, of the monumental Harriet Tubman statue, *Araminta with Rifle and Vévé* (2017), was returned to the Banneker-Douglass Museum. Commissioner Cheryl led a reconciliation meeting with the individuals who stole the staff and the victims.

Art Purchase: BDM applied for a grant with the Anne Arundel Arts Council to purchase the Harriet Tubman statue. Goya has committed to a \$50,000 match and to collaborate with the museum on raising remaining funds.

Loans: Loaned *Mal Art*, ca. 1970s (1987.2.1) by Dr. Joyce J. Scott to the Baltimore Museum of Art for an upcoming exhibition.

June and July Programs
SATURDAY, JUNE 17th

Juneteenth Youth Art Exhibition & Annapolis Juneteenth Parade

The museum and Annapolis were fully activated on June 17th. We were thrilled to present a dynamic and inspiring event that celebrated the creativity and talent of our youth, while also honoring Juneteenth as a significant moment in Black history. It was also an honor to receive a captivating keynote address from First Lady Dawn Moore. Her passion for inspiring the younger generation was front and present during this program. She mingled with our young honorees and took time out to learn more about them and their dreams.

Aside from the youth art exhibit activities, our commission actively participated in the Annapolis annual Juneteenth Parade. Juneteenth holds immense historical significance, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. By taking part in this parade, we aim to reverence this important milestone and stand in solidarity with the community, promoting unity, equality, and cultural pride.



SATURDAY, JUNE 24th

The Angel Wing Project

On June 24th, The Angel Wing Project, a non-profit performing arts group based in Glen Burnie, Maryland presented Vincent Stovall in his one-man show entitled, *I Got Somethin' to Say and I'm Gon' Say It* at the Banneker-Douglass Museum. Stovall performed his original poetry about family, love, racism, loss, joy, and laughter. The performance also featured percussionist Michael Friend, founder of Soul in Motion Players, Inc. and cellist Mikenzie Sweeting, of Howard University. All those in attendance were genuinely moved by Stovall's riveting performance that touched on social justice topics that affect us all!

Saturday, July 15th

MCAAHC Harriet Tubman & Women's History Award

On July 15th, the community gathered at the Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church and Breonna Taylor Mural to honor Ms. Erricka Bridgeford and the Baltimore Peace Movement for their outstanding work in and around the Baltimore City area. Ms. Bridgeford's recognition was coupled with commemorating Breonna Taylor, who would have celebrated her 30th birthday on June 5th. This award, named after Maryland native and freedom fighter, Harriet Tubman, recognizes those whose efforts speak to Black resistance, resilience and joy.



TUESDAY & THURSDAY, JULY 18TH & JULY 20TH

Art in the City: Empowering Youth through Creativity + Culture

During the week of July 17th young people from the Robinwood community, in Annapolis, Maryland participated in Art in the City is a youth project aimed at providing young people with a platform to express themselves creatively. Led by award winning public artist, Nikki Brooks, the project consisted of two workshops. Each workshop focused on a different aspect of art. These programs are an extension of the museum and HACA's After School Leadership Program. The program will end with a culminating trip to New York City where participants will work with peers on an arts and culture project.

Wednesday, July 26th - Friday, July 31st

Association for African American Museums 2023 Conference - Museums, Music, and Movement

Held in Nashville, TN, the AAAM conference consisted of sessions on African American museum fundraising, activism, preservation practices, and so much more. Executive Director Chanel Johnson, also served as a panelist on the "Fight the Power: Museum Activism to Combat Sophisticated Racism/Woke-ism". About the Panel: The battle lines have been drawn and the fight to keep (or oppose) African American history in the public discourse is underway, with the latest iteration of so-called 'culture wars' being used to mobilize constituencies on both sides of the historical divide. This session will illuminate methods of leading change and reframing historical narratives through the use of museum activism and community-based advocacy to impact, influence, and enact local, state, and federal policies. In addition, Director Johnson served as a mentor during AAAM's "Speed Networking" sessions. Chanel, Jan, and Sabriyah Hassan also attended the African American Civil Rights Network Grant, as BDM was 1 of 13 grant recipients in 2023.

UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Program	
August 15th-17th	From August 15th-17th young participants from BDM and HACA's after school program will travel to New York City, where they will work with NYC based peers to complete an arts and culture project. During their time in the city they will fully immerse themselves in the rich arts and culture that NYC has to offer. Participants will also have the opportunity to create a mural or street art installation in a public space with the guidance of experienced artists.
August 26th, 2023	
Annapolis' "March on Washington"	In commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington, the Caucus of African American Leaders (CAAL) is planning a two-day community event, which will include a reenactment of the March and program Saturday, August 26, 2023, followed by a worship service Sunday, August 27, 2023. The theme for this event is: "Commemorate, Educate, and Activate.

Chair's Reports

Vice Chair Dr. Edwin T. Johnson

Chair Dr. Johnson began his report sharing that he and Executive Director Chanel Johnson have been very busy making site visits across the State of Maryland.

- ❖ Chair Johnson said that Commissioner Frisby will share new information on how the MCAAHC Commissioners will approach site visits in and around the neighboring counties.
- ❖ He also took a moment to share with the MCAAHC Commissioners and public that the pot of money that grew for both the BDM budget and the MCAAHC's African American Heritage Preservation Grant program (AAHPG) happened because of the hard work and strategic plan that Chair Emeritus Tamara England Wilson executed through the MCAAHC.
 - This caused the growth of the MCAAHC's AAHPG to grow from \$1 million to \$5 million.

Site Visits and Activities

Chair Johnson said that one of the site visits was to the Maryland Center for History & Culture.

- ❖ Executive Director Johnson and Chair Johnson went for a visit where they saw some exhibits as well as went for a tour.
 - The leadership of the MCAAHC look forward to some collaboration of programs in the near future.
 - While there, they were gifted with several portraits of which one was of the great Senator Verde Welcome.
- ❖ Chair Johnson took the moment to share that August 26, 2023 at 10 a.m. the City of Annapolis will be working in conjunction with the MCAAHC as they celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the March on Washington.
 - The MCAAHC and public are invited to join in the many activities that will be had there.
 - Things will begin at the U.S. Naval Marine Memorial Stadium and culminate downtown at the City of Annapolis docks.
- ❖ Chair Johnson said that the MCAAHC Commissioners had homework where they were to generate a list of political figures and constituents from their various counties as well as Baltimore City.

- From this generated list, the MCAAHC Commissioners will be provided with an introductory letter that the MCAAHC will send to their contacts letting them know that they are there to serve them and assist them with preserving Maryland's African American History and Culture in their area.
 - Chair Johnson said that he will be looking to work with Commissioner Brian Morrison in dividing up the City of Baltimore with 6 MCAAHC Commissioner Partners due to the city's broad scope.
- ❖ Chair Johnson said that before he steps down, he is looking to change the name of the Banneker-Douglass Museum to the Banneker-Douglass Tubman Museum.
 - Chair Johnson said that he spoke briefly with Commissioner Ada Pinkston where they will do some collaboration on that project.
- ❖ Last but not least, Chair Johnson spoke on a new initiative of establishing a, "Book Drive."
 - He said that there has been a whole lot of things taking place in the State of Florida where things are going to make their way to the State of Maryland.
 - Many individuals are questioning the legitimacy of African American studies in American history that slavery was a career building experience.
 - Chair Johnson said that in looking at certain regions of Africa, there were societies that had certain skills in agriculture and metallurgy where a lot of the slave traders specifically kidnapped Africans from certain regions to build capitalism.
 - Chair Johnson said that the MCAAHC is not going to sit idle.
 - ◆ The MCAAHC's response to Florida is to organize a book drive.
 - Books will be collected on African American History and Culture from K-12.
 - ✓ Chair Johnson said that Commissioner Kennedi Wilson may be a great candidate for this endeavor and he looked forward to speaking with her in private.
 - Chair Johnson said that the MCAAHC community list is a great tool that will be used to ask for help in garnering new African American history books to study, learning, be edified, and enlighten our youth across the great State of Maryland.
 - ❖ Chair Johnson said that the MCAAHC has a lot of work to do with anniversaries, celebrations and events taken place in our state honoring our past, working in the present and preserving our future.

MCAAHC Financial Report

Commissioner Reggie Turner shared that he has been voluntold that he is now the chair of the MCAAHC Financial Committee.

- He began his financial report by sharing that the fiscal report 2023 appropriated for the budget was \$924,346.
 - ◆ The actual usage was \$804,966 of which the MCAAHC is 12.9% under budget.
 - This has taken place due to the MCAAHC had not hired all of the salaried positions for the BDM.
- In FY 2023, the BDM received a capital grant of \$75,000 from the Maryland Department of General Services.
 - ◆ \$42,000 is still remaining.
- For FY 2024, the MCAAHC has been appropriated \$1.5 million for its budget.
 - ◆ This is for 3 state positions and 2 contractual positions.
 - ◆ The budget includes \$9,000 in special funds.
 - The BDM was appropriated \$3 million in the capital grant fund to be used for capital improvements of the museum.
 - ✓ There was a unanimous approval by the MCAAHC Commissioners on this financial report.

Ms. Jan Lee, BDM Director of Marketing and Communication's Report

Director Jan Lee came to the MCAAHC meeting to give a report on the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington Celebration in Anne Arundel County.

- She welcomed the public to come and join the commission and the museum to this affair as they channel the African American brothers and sisters' reinvigoration and celebrating what took place at that time.
- There will be two days of events starting Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th.
 - ◆ Flyers were presented to the public sharing that this event is being partnered with the MCAAHC, the BDM, as well as the Caucus of African American Leaders.
 - The program will feature:
 - ✓ A march from the Naval Marine Corp Stadium to the city docks of downtown Annapolis, Maryland.
 - ✓ A host of guest speakers including the President of Morgan State University.
 - ✓ Individuals that road on a bus from Annapolis, Maryland to the March on Washington will attend and share their experience.
 - ✓ A tribute to women Freedom Fighters will take place.
 - ✓ Youth presenters have been placed.
 - ✓ A civil rights mural will be created on that day where this endeavor will be led by artist, Nikki Brooks at the BDM.
 - ✓ Sunday, August 27th, it is being asked that all pastors and leaders dedicate their Sunday morning service to the remembrance to the March on Washington.
 - 1 p.m. a health resource vendor will share information on health and healthy foods one can eat.
 - 3 p.m. there will be an evening service to recharge everyone for the work that still has to be done.

Black Symposium at Morgan State University Report-Commissioner Hakeem Tajani

Commissioner Tajani began his report by sharing that the MCAAHC will continue to collaborate with Morgan State University's Liberal Arts and Sciences department as well as the Benjamin Quarles Lecture Conference.

- Thursday, October 26^h and Friday, October 27th are the dates of the symposium.
- The theme is, "Lynching Resistance and the Pursuit of Peace."

African American Heritage Preservation Grant Report-Commissioner H. Russell Frisby

Commissioner Frisby shared that the African American Heritage Preservation Grant has become a shining jewel and crown of the MCAAHC.

- The annual grant has increased from \$1 million to \$5 million.
- Last year, the MCAAHC had 45 applications which is the largest to date.
- In the past years, the MCAAHC had \$4 million of solid applications of great capital projects to be funded.
 - ◆ The MCAAHC could not fund them all.
 - ◆ Due to governor, speaker of the house and the president of the senate, the MCAAHC will be able to meet the needs of this project.
- Recently, Executive Director Johnson, Commissioner Frisby, and several MCAAHC Commissioners met with the Maryland Historical Trust at a community meeting in Howard County to discuss the AAHPG program.
 - ◆ The good news is that the AAHPG has 108 applicants.
 - ◆ The applications have doubled.
 - ◆ Nine MCAAHC Commissioners will sit on the rank and reviewing committee determining who is considered.
 - A new approach is being taken where the committee will divide the state's counties and Baltimore City amongst the nine commissioners.

- ✓ Each commissioner will be responsible for visiting certain number of sites.
 - For the MCAAHC Commissioners that are on the committee, that can't visit these areas, other MCAAHC Commissioners will visit those sites so that every jurisdiction is covered.
 - ❖ The grant allotment can range from \$10,000 to \$250,000.
 - ❖ In October the committee will make its recommendations to the MCAAHC.
- ◆ MHT will review the applications for completeness and provide them by the end of that month.
 - Commissioner Frisby thanked the MCAAHC Commissioners for all of the hard work that they will be doing.

Maryland Historical Trust Presentation from Ms. Elizabeth Hughes, Executive Director and Preservation Officer

Executive Director Hughes has worked on many collaborations and initiatives with the MCAAHC through the MHT.

- Preservation plans, racial equity, African American cemeteries and various study groups preserving African American Initiatives are being addressed by these two great entities.

Executive Director Hughes came to the MCAAHC meeting to present on the human remains program of African Americans.

- She shared that MHT has human remains of 73 individuals at the Maryland Archaeology Conservation Lab that is located in Calvert County Maryland.
- 12 sets are determined to be of possible African American descent.
- The presentation covered four points:
 - ◆ 1) The current condition of the remains being cared for.
 - ◆ 2) How ethnicity of the human remains is determined.
 - ◆ 3) The providence of the remains in their care.
 - ◆ 4) Opportunities to return the remains to ethnic community by Maryland regulatory rules.

Executive Director Hughes turned the mic over to Ms. Patricia Samford who works at the MAC lab.

- Ms. Samford shared that the MAC lab is located on Jefferson Patterson Park in Calvert County.
 - ◆ It is also the location of the MSU Pearl Aquatic Research laboratory.
 - ◆ The MAC lab opened in 1998 as the state's official curatorial archaeological area.
 - ◆ 10 million artifacts are secured there.
- The human remains came their facility in 1998 when the lab opened.
 - ◆ Most of those human came by accidental discovery through construction work or erosion.
 - ◆ Currently they try to discourage the recovery of human remains when they are found in place.
 - The discoveries of the remains took place between the 1960's-1990.
 - The remains are treated respectfully in a separate area of repose in their lab that are not available to public view.
 - ✓ The public cannot not only see the remains, they cannot touch the remains and the remains are placed in a climate controlled environment.
 - ✓ If there are multiple individuals found in one area, they are kept separate in the lab.
 - ✓ Patricia past the mic to Dr. Zachary Singer who then shared how ancestry is determined on human remains.
- Dr. Singer shared that the African or African American human remains have been studied and ancestry determined by forensic anthropologists.
 - ◆ Tremendous studies were done on the physical skeleton material.
 - ◆ There were markers of ethnic diversity to determine the background of the archaeological remains.
 - While not 100% accurate the forensic anthropologists can be very accurate in their findings.
 - ✓ The accuracy is between 70 to 90%.
 - ✓ Human remains have been found in Anne Arundel County, Calvert County, Charles County, Queen Anne's County and Wicomico County.

- MHT is not involved in construction permitting activities due to state and federal laws.
 - ❖ If remains are found there a state's attorney would determine how they state or federal would proceed whether to leave them in place or to bury them.
 - ❖ Dr. Singer turned the floor to Mr. Adam Snyder from the Maryland State's Attorney's office.
- Mr. Snyder shared that the law sets out regulation and the process of how to get the remains out of the MAC Lab from MHT's control and moved to a proper place of repose.
 - ◆ There are three options that one can take:
 - 1) Someone can establish that they are of lineal descent to the remains has statue by priority.
 - ✓ A request is made to MHT, proper documentation is shown and then the remains are placed in one's custody after detailed review of these items.
 - 2) Someone who is not a lineal descendant but are related by cultural affiliation.
 - ✓ This can be established with genealogical information, cultural information, as well as church records to name a few.
 - 3) Have an appropriate place of repose.
 - ✓ Remains can be store above ground or below ground.
 - ✓ MHT can have the remains buried on personal or governmental property with the appropriate parties.
 - Note: Any action taken with MHT must be done in appropriation with an ethnic commission in this case the MCAAHC.
 - MHT looks forward to working the MCAAHC on what would be the plan for situations like this.
 - ❖ There isn't a model or a particular process that was set that MHT would like to coordinate with MCAAHC.
 - ❖ Chair Johnson shared that Commissioner Janice Curtis Greene and Commissioner Elinor Thompson will be working on the MCAAHC Human Remains Commission to bring suggestions and information to the august body of the MCAAHC.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Advocate Commissioner Emeritus Cheryl McLeod

Ms. McLeod came to the MCAAHC public meeting thanking them for the opportunity to speak.

- She has served two terms with the MCAAHC and was glad to serve in a volunteer capacity.
- Ms. McLeod came to the meeting to share some information so that the MCAAHC has a knowledge base of a situation that they later may take position on.
- There is an urgency taking place with our HBCU's that was thought to be resolved a year and a half ago but is still there.
- A battle is taking place over due process of the constitution in how HBCU's are treated.
 - ◆ It took 15 years to get a law passed to make amends for the discrimination of all of the HBCU's but it took one year to break the law.
 - ◆ Ms. McLeod passed the mic to Ms. Sharon Y. Blake, spokesperson who gave a presentation.

Ms. Sharon Y. Blake, spokesperson for the Maryland HBCU Coalition shared information on a recent problem that HBCU's were having.

- There has been a 50 year lawsuit put forth by the coalition to end a dual system of higher education in Maryland.
- A Federal Judge proved the State of Maryland higher educational system was practicing unconstitutional and racial practices towards HBCUs.
 - ◆ \$1.2 billion was to be given to HBCU's to the discrimination they experienced.

- ◆ \$577 million was to be given to Maryland HBCUs to develop high demand programs that shall not be duplicated so that they could compete with the Predominately White Institutions (PWI).
- ◆ It was discovered that the PWI had 177 programs while the Maryland HBCUs had only 11 programs.
 - It was also voted that it was unconstitutional to hold a dual educational system, that the State of Maryland intentionally held a dual system on purpose and wanted Maryland HBCUs to be inferior.
 - To settle this lawsuit the Maryland General Assembly voted in 2021 to pass House Bill 1 and Senate Bill to settle the \$577 million debt.
 - ✓ This law has been violated.
 - ✓ The Maryland Higher Education Commission overruled its assistant secretary to allow Towson State University a Business Analytics Administrative Ph.D. program.
 - ✓ More information about the progress will be reported to the MCAAHC in the future.

New Business Report-Chair Edwin T. Johnson

Chair Johnson shared that there are two items of consideration that the MCAAHC will be looking at in the MCAAHC's October public meeting.

- It was brought to his attention, from Commissioner Hunt that the BDM's mission statement for the BDM Committee is out of line and needs to be revisited.
 - ◆ Also, there are some additions that will be made to the advisory committee.
 - Information will be presented to the MCAAHC Commissioners prior to the October meeting.

Commissioner Janice Curtis Greene admonished that all MCAAHC Commissioners please go to the BDM & MCAAHC's donation page to contribute funds towards their cause for after school programming and other events.

Chair Johnson then called for a motion to adjourn the MCAAHC Public Teleconferencing meeting. Commissioner Hunt made a motion for adjournment, it was seconded by Commissioner Brian Morrison seconded and the motion carried.

The public meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRonn Herbert, Special Assistant