

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. COMMISSION  
36 FLAT ROCK DRIVE, RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012  
12:30PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Robinson, Acting Chairman  
Sarah Diaz  
Diane Paige-Blondet  
Ben Rhodes  
Joseph Teal  
James Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Carol Anderson  
William L. Dixon  
Rev. Bradford Howard  
Rodney Matthews  
Hilda Santiago

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jim O'Neill, CHRO, Secretariat to the MLK, Jr. Commission

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Mark Robinson convened the meeting of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to order at 12:40 p.m.

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

Legal opinion from CHRO.

**III. MOTION 1:**

The following is Motion 1:

*To direct the Department of Administrative Services to pay to the Hord Foundation the remaining balance in the FY 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission budget for expenses incurred in February or 2012.*

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adopt Motion 1. Commissioner Paige-Blondet seconded the motion.

Discussing the motion were Commissioners Diaz, Rhodes, Robinson, Paige-Blondet, Teal and Williams.

On a roll call vote the motion passed 4 in favor, and 2 against with five members absent and not voting.

Acting Chairman Robinson stated he would draft a letter to the Department of Administrative Services directing payment to the Hord Foundation.

#### **IV. MOTION 2:**

Commissioner Paige-Blondet made a motion to adopt Motion 2. Seconding the motion was Commissioner Teal.

Discussing the motion were Commissioners Diaz, Rhodes, Robinson, Paige-Blondet, Teal and Williams.

The following is motion 2:

*To make a recommendation to Governor Dannel Malloy on the appointment of a new chairperson of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.*

Following discussion Commissioner Teal withdrew his second on Motion 2 and Commissioner Paige-Blondet withdrew her motion to adopt Motion 2.

#### **V. MOTION 2 AS AMENDED:**

Commissioner Teal made a motion to adopt an amended version of Motion 2. Seconding the motion was Commissioner Paige-Blondet.

Discussing the motion were Commissioners Diaz, Rhodes, Robinson, Paige-Blondet, Teal and Williams.

The following is Motion 2 as amended:

*To make a recommendation to Governor Dannel Malloy that he appoint Mark Robinson as the Chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.*

On a roll call vote the motion failed 2 in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstaining with five members absent and not voting.

#### **VI. MOTION 3:**

Commissioner Teal made a motion to adopt Motion 3. Seconding the motion was Commissioner Williams.

Discussing the motion were Commissioners Diaz, Rhodes, Robinson, Paige-Blondet, Teal and Williams.

The following is Motion 3:

*To recommend that Governor Dannel Malloy appoint a new Chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.*

On a roll call vote the passed with 3 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstaining with five members absent and not voting.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Diaz seconded the motion.

On a unanimous voice vote the motion to adjourn was adopted at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Jim O'Neill, CHRO, Secretariat to the MLK, Jr. Commission

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**Motion #1** To direct the Department of Administrative Services to pay to the Hord Foundation the remaining balance in the FY 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission budget for expenses incurred in February of 2012.

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>NP</b>
Carol Anderson			X
Sarah Diaz		X	
William Dixon			X
Bradford Howard			X
Rodney Matthews			X
Diane Paige-Blondet	X		
Benjamin Rhodes	X		
Mark Robinson	X		
Hilda Santiago			X
Joseph Teal	X		
James Williams		X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

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Commissioners who abstain from a vote will be indicated by “AB”

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<b>Motion # 2 As Amended:</b> To make a recommendation to Governor Dannel Malloy that he appoint Mark Robinson as the Chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.				
	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>NP</b>
Carol Anderson				X
Sarah Diaz		X		
William Dixon				X
Bradford Howard				X
Rodney Matthews				X
Diane Paige-Blondet			X	
Benjamin Rhodes			X	
Mark Robinson	X			
Hilda Santiago				X
Joseph Teal	X			
James Williams		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

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<b>Motion # 3 As Amended:</b> To recommend that Governor Dannel Malloy appoint a new Chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission.				
	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>NP</b>
Carol Anderson				X
Sarah Diaz	X			
William Dixon				X
Bradford Howard				X
Rodney Matthews				X
Diane Paige-Blondet			X	
Benjamin Rhodes			X	
Mark Robinson			X	
Hilda Santiago				X
Joseph Teal	X			
James Williams	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>

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