

Meeting dates are held on the first Monday of each month. The Commission does not meet in in July or August.

State of Connecticut – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission Monthly Meeting – October 6, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties with Zoom invitations.

Present:

Althea Carr, J. Stan McCauley, Tatia Lewis, Aigne Goldsby Wells, Andrew Musoke, Dyanne Taylor, Pamela Rivers, Donna Campbell

Agenda & Discussion

1. Opening Remarks

- Donna Campbell, Commission Chair, opened the meeting and apologized for the delayed start.

2. Introductions

- Commissioners, Analysts, and prospective Commissioners provided introductions.

3. 40th Annual Dr. King Birthday Celebration – State Capitol

- The Commission unanimously agreed to have a speaker for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Commission, as well as Dr. King's 97th birthday and Bell Ringing Ceremony, scheduled for **Monday, January 19, 2026**.
- Discussion held regarding limiting speaking time for invited guests, including constitutional officers. Agreement reached to enforce strict time limits.
- Speaker considerations included individuals with a “wow factor” or highly qualified local speakers.

- **Suggestions:**

- Dyanne Tappin: Dr. Jeffrey Hines, Physician and DEI expert, UConn Medical Center, Farmington.
- Andrew Musoke: Recommended additional time to consider keynote speaker options. Donna Campbell requested that speaker nominations be submitted by **Friday, October 10, 2025**.

4. **2026 Event Planning**

- Launch of the **Black Excellence Series**.
- Other events to plan:
 - Black History Month – February
 - Women’s History Month – March
 - Dr. King Recognition Event – April
 - Juneteenth – June (in coordination with CWCSEO at the State Capitol)
- Donna Campbell will review Capitol venues to assess acoustics and possibility of relocating the January 2026 event.

5. **Commissioner & Analyst Information**

- Commissioners, Analysts, and prospective Commissioners requested to provide the following **by Friday, October 10, 2025**:
 - Current resume
 - Headshot
 - Appointment date and term end date

6. **Acknowledgments**

- Special thoughts extended to Lori Stewart, caring for her hospitalized mother.
- Safe travels extended to Stacey Brown, vacationing in Greece.

7. **Next Meeting**

- **November 3, 2025**, via Zoom.
- Meetings to occur the **first Monday of each month**, with adjustments for holidays, continuing through July and August 2026 (summer break).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **8:16 p.m.** following a closing prayer by Donna Campbell.