



**FLORIDA COUNCIL ON THE  
SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA  
JANUARY 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM**

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- I. Welcome: Chairman Jerome Hill**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Call to Order and Chairman's Remarks**
  - A. Approval of the Agenda
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Announcement of Terrell Nelson as Executive Director:
  - B. Website Completion- Discussion with Clinton Grubbs on final website edits for a January launch of the website:
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **Budget- Motion to Approve the Purchase of Equipment:**  
Office Furniture: \$23, 707.73 (Executive Director, Research Coordinator, Administrative Assistant II, and Possible Research Assistant)  
Research Supplies: \$15,000 (Research Journal Subscriptions, Research Methodology Books, Editing/Grammar Research Subscriptions)
  - B. **Meeting Update from State Representative Felicia Robinson:**  
Motion to recommend Strike of Statute Language  
(8) Eleven of the members of the Council constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present is required for final action.
  - C. **Announcement of New Council Member-** Senate President Passidomo appointed Senator Shervin Jones to Senate Seat 1 for the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys. The appointment is effective January 1, 2023, and expires December 31, 2026.
  - D. **Dr. Eddie Regnier Graduate Research Scholarship** - The scholarship has been completely drafted, however, waiting on communication from the contributor and waiting to draft a memo for the non-profit that will be holding the money. The non-profit is called "A New Day Initiative," essentially speaking to the needs of the Tallahassee community in terms of a local-wide food pantry, grant funds to serve the community, garden projects, etc.
  - E. **FAMU Meeting Updates** - Currently waiting to see the facility manager at the university about the meeting space in March. However, a connection has been made with a faculty member that could possibly book the meeting space for the council so the price could possibly be reduced to \$70/hr. rather than \$225/hr.



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#### F. **HBCU Research Tour- First Stop is Florida Memorial University:**

The ED and RC have decided that 2023 will be the year of Higher Education in terms of Black Men and Boys. The two will travel to various HBCUs to discover gaps and disparities concerning the black male population. It is a comparative study, so the team would travel to not only Florida HBCUs but also to the other 15 southern states that house HBCUs. This will ensure an accurate and adequate study for the 2023 annual report.

G. **50 Partner Initiative and Read by Three** - The 50-partner initiative is designed for the Council to gain vendors, contributors, and partners to further assist with research and other projects that could support black men and boys. The goal is to gain 50 partners by the end of 2023. Read by Three is an initiative that caters to the importance of students reading by three, which creates a higher chance of academic achievement when starting primary school. This initiative is a goal that contributors can be on board and a primary school scholarship can be birthed.

H. **Re-Branding/New Direction-** Logo, Website, brochure, and the redirection of 2023:

I. **Switching OPS Positions (ED & RC) to SES:**

J. **Switching OPS Admin Position to Research Assistant:**

K. **M.M.A.A.N Up! Updates** - Spoke with Dr. Graham about the vision and goal of the program. M.M.A.A.N Up is designed to capture the fullness of our black men and boys. Possibly getting the program incorporated and making it its own governing body.

L. **Election Vote (Quorum Required):**

M. **Day of Dialogue:**

N. **Research Topics:**

1. Why are black males not completing post-secondary education? An examination of dropout rates for black males attending H.B.C. U's?
2. Why are black males not completing post-secondary education? A comparative analysis of dropout rates for black males attending H.B.C.Us in the southern region?
3. An exploratory study of H.B.C.U support service programs for black males attending H.B.C. Us in Florida.
4. An examination of the retention rates for black males attending H.B.C.Us in Florida.

## VI. VI. NEXT MEETINGS

- A. January 26, 2023, at 2 pm M.A.A.N.N UP! Virtual Subcommittee Meeting
- B. February 7, 2023, at 10 am Executive Committee Meeting
- C. February 7, 2023, at 2 pm Full Council Virtual Meeting

## VII. VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT