



**Governor's Commission on African Affairs
Special Call Commission Meeting**

September 9, 2025

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attended:

Tope Adeyoju – Member
Adebowale “Shola” Ajayi
Adedana Ashebir – Member
Njukang Asong – Member
Fatmata Barrie – Member
Dr. Jasmine Blanks Jones – Member
Dr. Sylvia Dasi – Member
Chukwunonso “Vincent” Iweanoge – Chair
Maroufath Ogoussan – Member
Maureen Wambui – Member

Commissioners Absent:

Dr. Anyinke Atabong – Member
Amsale Geletu – Member
J. Wyndal Gordon – Member
Dr. Terry V. Jones – Member
Dr. Natalie McCabe – Member

Governor's Office of Community Initiatives Staff (GOCI):

Dr. Antwan Brown – Administrative Director of AA Commission, GOCI
Cheryl Madigan – Executive Assistant, GOCI

GUESTS:

N/A

I. Meeting Call to Order at 6:18 p.m. and Commission Roll Call:

Chukwunonso (Vincent) Iweanoge, Chair of the Governor's Commission on African Affairs

II. Opening Remarks:

Chair C. Vincent Iweanoge thanked the commissioners for joining the meeting and took Roll Call.

III. Discussion on the African Heritage Month Celebration Event:

Chair C. Vincent brought the topic up to cancel or postpone the event. The commission planned the event with the expectation the Governor would attend and read the proclamation. There were a few commissioners that stated their disappointment that the Governor would not be able to attend and some wanted a message sent to him. They stated that they have been doing a lot for the communities in the state, and they feel they should be given the same recognition as some of the other commissions. One commissioner stated that they would like the African Heritage Month proclamation to be added to the legislation and to have open communication between GOCI and the Commission.



IV: Motion to cancel the AAHM Celebration event:

Motion	1st	2nd	Vote
Motion to cancel the African Affairs Heritage Month Celebration event. There was no discussion.	Fatmata Barrie	Maureen Wambui	5Y – 2N – 1A

VI: Closing Remarks:

Chair Vincent Iweanoge apologized for the lengthy meeting but thanked them for coming. He encourages everyone to attend the Montgomery County African Diaspora event at 6:00 p.m. this evening. He wants all commissioners to continue their hard work. He informed them to complete the form when attending events. This will let GOCI know how much they are working in the communities. He also asked for everyone to support the upcoming business conference.

XI. Adjournment:

Motion	1st	2nd	Vote
Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.	Fatmata Barrie	Jasmine Blank Jones	8Y - 0N - 0A