



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

July 20, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Zoom

On Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 8:16 pm (EST), Marvin Dulaney, President, called to order an Executive Session of the Executive Council. Present in addition to the President were the following members: Ida Jones, Aaisha Haykal, Susan Simms Marsh, Lyman Brodie, Gloria Browne-Marshall, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Deidra Foreman, Jarvis Givens, Zebulon Miletsky, Greg Mixon, Kenvi Phillips, Anita Shepherd, Gladys Gary Vaughn, David Walton, and Tara White.

A discussion took place regarding the action taken by President Dulaney to permit Daryl Scott to participate in the July 7, 2023, Candidate Forum to present his case for reconsideration of the Executive Council vote during the June 29, 2023, Executive Council Meeting Executive Session. When the Nominations Committee Chair, David Walton, informed Daryl Scott that he had been removed from the list of candidates for election to the Executive Council, he filed an appeal with President Dulaney for the Executive Council to reconsider his candidacy. Questions were raised regarding where was Daryl Scott's appeal for the Executive Council to review prior to the President's decision to permit Daryl Scott to participate in the July 7, 2023, Candidate Forum. Daryl Scott's appeal was subsequently provided to the Executive Council.

There was discussion regarding the nomination process and the Executive Council's role in reviewing and taking action on the Nominating Committee's report with the slate of nominees for ASALH Executive Council Class of 2026. And, whether the matter was referred to ASALH legal counsel.

President Dulaney sought and received legal advice. Based upon the legal advice regarding the language in ASALH Constitution of "members of the Association in good standing" President Dulaney placed Daryl Scott's name on the slate of nominees to be placed on the ballot.

The Governance Committee would review and proposed revisions to the Constitution on the eligibility requirements to run for the Executive Council.

Gloria Browne-Marshall read a statement that is attached to the minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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President Memo to the Executive Council-Important

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Thu, Aug 17, 2023 at 7:29 PM

Dear Marvin,

My focus is on the constitutional process. In nearly every meeting, this Council raises questions about whether the Branches and our members are following ASALH policies and constitution. Yet, you overrode a legitimate vote of the Executive Council.

It was a tough meeting. But, we got through it, together. Then, members of the EC were stunned into silence by the sudden turn of events regarding Daryl Scott. You could have discussed his appeal with the EC when it was received. You had time to call an emergency meeting. Your concerns should have been shared with the Executive Council upon receipt. Or was it only shared with a select few?

If there was some kind of threat of legal pressure to keep his name on the ballot, then that situation should have been brought to the Executive Council and our legal counsel. The entire board would have been affected, not just you. It was not for the President to decide and the rest of us to find out later. The EC had been forced into silence by the rules of the Executive Session. We foolishly respected the rules. That forced silence was used against us. It prevented any EC member from revealing the actual discussion and vote to members or those ASALH friends with questions.

Now, we seem to be moving on as if nothing has happened. Those members who know the history of this issue are questioning the leadership ability of the EC. If his name is removed, those members who do not know the history will be confused and disgruntled. This is all taking place during a membership drive.

Trust has been broken. Your unilateral decision in this matter undermines the constitutionally determined vote of the Executive Council. It undermines basic trust. How do you explain overriding the vote of the Executive Council? How do you explain any of this to the membership? What are the constitutional consequences of this action?

We are all worthy of an explanation and look forward to your response.

Gloria J.

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