



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2023

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (EST)

Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel Jacksonville, FL

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Council meeting was held, in person, on Tuesday, September 20, 2023, at 9:00 am (EST). W. Marvin Dulaney, President for ASALH called the meeting to order at 9:06 am and presided and Susan Simms Marsh, Secretary of ASALH, served as Secretary of the meeting.

See the attached sign in sheet for the attendance.

Based on the sign in sheet there was a majority and quorum of the Executive Council necessary for the transaction of business.

The Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel General Manager welcomed the Executive Council. The Hyatt Regency Riverfront Hotel Chief of Security provided a Security Briefing.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Motion:** It was moved by David Walton and seconded to adopt the agenda. **The motion passed.**

### 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Executive Director provided an overview of the conference and presented the Omni William Penn Hotel contract. The Pittsburgh Branch said yes.

The Treasurer joined the meeting, virtually, at 9:32 am and discussed specific language in the contract that needed to be addressed including removing the term “draft.” The Executive Director will contact the hotel and action on the hotel contract was moved to the afternoon.

The Treasurer departed the meeting at 9:44 am.

### 2024 BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL AND LUNCHEON

Gladys Gary Vaughn provided an update on the luncheon. The location is Westin Washington located 999 9<sup>th</sup> Street Washington, D.C. No speaker has been confirmed.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 am.

The meeting reconvened at 1:07 pm.

### NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Takiya Lowe and Ashley Adams joined the meeting. Takiya Lowe provided an overview of the National Parks Service and the opening of funding opportunities including:

\$5 M	Repair/Rehab
\$1.7 M	Museum ACORN
\$5 M	Civil Rights and National Parks Unit

## **FREEDOM SCHOOLS INITIATIVE**

Hazel Gillis, David Wilkins, and Charlene Farrington shared the Freedom Schools initiative in Florida including two schools opening in South Florida and a school opening in Jacksonville.

There is a possibility for ASALH to partner with the Links on a national Freedom School initiative to teach Black history.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded that the Freedom School be considered our number one priority and the Program Cluster be charged with implementation. **The motion passed.**

## **BLACK HISTORY 365**

Walter Milton provided an overview of Black History 365 and circulated some of the books for the Executive Council members to review. There are 250 school systems including the largest system in New York utilizing Black History 365.

## **JUNETEENTH MURALS AND POSTER DESIGNS**

Reginald Adams provided an overview of the Juneteenth Murals project. Mr. Adams is designing a commemorative poster for ASALH focusing on the Arts for 2024.

## **OCTOBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) WORKSHOP**

Jim Stewart discussed the upcoming EC workshop.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Bill Rogers provided an overview and demonstration of an educational program.

## **BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL UPDATE**

Lopez Matthews provided an update on the 2024 Black History Virtual Festival.

Executive Council members discussed possible fundraising initiatives including a capital campaign in 2026.

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Executive Council members discussed the committee structure. Vice President of Programs provided an overview of the role. David Walton volunteered to chair the Academic Program.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded that at least five members of the Executive Council serve on the Academic Program Committee and hold leadership positions on the Committee. **The motion passed.**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded that the Annual Conference will not be held virtually in 2024. **The motion passed.**

### **OMNI WILLIAM PENN HOTEL CONTRACT**

The Treasurer joined the meeting virtually. The hotel contract was revised to remove the paragraph referencing "draft" on page 1 of the contract.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Omni William Penn Hotel Contract. **The motion passed.**

The Treasurer departed the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

The Secretary presented the June 29, 2023, Executive Council Meeting minutes for approval.

**Motion:** It was moved by Susan Simms Marsh and seconded to approve the June 29, 2023, Executive Council Meeting minutes. **The motion passed.**

The Secretary presented the June 29, 2023, Executive Council Meeting Executive Session minutes for approval.

**Motion:** It was moved by Susan Simms Marsh and seconded to approve the June 29, 2023, Executive Council Meeting Executive Session minutes. **The motion passed.**

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION**

The Secretary shared the following items:

- Post the Powerpoint Presentations to the ASALH Members Private Page.
- Post the Final Report Journal of African American History by the Editor to the ASALH Members Private Page.
- Post the September 18, 2023, Resolution of the ASALH Florida Coalition to the ASALH Members Private Page.
- Determine whether the Zoom webinar feature provides a way for panelists to vote via the poll.
- Circulate the questions in Q and A.
- Executive Council hire a parliamentarian.
- Executive Council hire an attorney.

During the September 18, 2023, Virtual Annual Business Meeting, the following motion passed:

**Motion:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded that there be a 30-day period that the Executive Council consult with legal counsel and during that period, at least by the October

30, 2023, that a meeting of the membership be held to determine the President and to determine the results of the 2023 election as it is the right of the membership to make those decisions. **The motion passed.**

The Secretary is willing to contact law firms regarding this matter and present names and background to the Executive Council.

**Motion:** It was moved by Susan Simms Marsh and seconded that the Executive Council hire an attorney with experience in nonprofit law at an amount not to exceed \$20,000. **The motion passed.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Sundiata Cha Jua and seconded that the October 30, 2023, meeting with the membership be held at 7:30 pm (EST). **The motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Prepared By

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Secretary