

## Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force

### **AAHTF ANNUAL MEETING 2021**

**November 18-19, 2021**

**Orlando, Florida**

**Location:** Rosen Shingle Creek

9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32819

Zoom Link: <https://fam.zoom.us/j/96855020379>

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, November 19, 2021, TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – Dr. Kelley-Brown called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.
  - II. Welcome Chairman Anthony (Tony) Hill – Greeted fellow Task Members, Director Peterson, and other guests.
    - ACTION ITEM: For the FDOE to move the Task Force to the status of a Commission
    - Brevard County restored Harriett and Harry T Moore teaching statuses posthumously
      - Brevard County Public Schools developed Harry T. Moore K-12 Curriculum
      - Dr. Kelley-Brown, Past Summer Institute by The Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Center and Museum
      - Tracy Oliver, Duval Public Schools 2021 recipient of the Harry T. Moore Teaching for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Award, Nomination for High School Textbook
      - ACTION ITEM: Florida Humanities/EVERFI/AAHTF collaboration to bring Harry T. Moore and Mary McLeod Bethune greater national exposure. Connect Dr. Brenda Walker and Dr. Nashid Madyun
    - Request AAHTF receive an advance payment of 25% of their funding to avoid money being left on the table
      - Peterson: working with grants to have a solution
    - James Weldon Johnson marker Wiscasset, Maine and Sen. Hill met with State Rep. Rachel Ross.
      - A permanent Commission established
      - June 17 James Weldon Johnson Day
      - Seeking to appoint a Task Force
    - Groveland Four exonerated, Lake County – Florida
    - ACTION ITEM: Create an MOU with NAACP with school districts
    - Rep Bush wants to assist the Task Force by meeting with FDOE African American History Task Force
- Dr. Walker – addressed HB7 with Peterson and how it will impact the Task Force
- Addressed concerns/misconceptions regarding CRT and its impact on the Task

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Force

Dr. Kelley – Brown stated the bill is in committee, not law yet

Instructional Standards by Dr. Coggins has been updated

Dir. Peterson – will seek advisement from DOE Legislative Team

Connect with Daisy Grimes on Flagler/Volusia County (Grimes associated with Volusia County African American Leadership Council.

- Dr. Sherrilyn Scott commented on EVERFI's high quality work, current content, relevant format.
  - Dr. Chike Akua video on Florida Statue 1003.42 well put together and great Segway to 306(EVERFI)
  - Without a pacing guide, it's challenging how to teach African American history
  - Interested in seeing a 306 course on Ancient Africa
- Dr. Kelley-Brown stated, EVERFI offers statistical reports across every school district
- Mathew Kirouac
  - EVERFI
  - Courses are developed nationally
  - Can advocate for Florida focus content
  - Reach of students in Florida over 6K
  - ACTION ITEM: Dr. Kelley-Brown suggested AAHTF logo be a clickable image to our website on EVERFI's page/information
  - Review and overview of EVERFI's digital lessons
  - New lessons and topics connecting past to current events
  - 306 – Online African American History Curriculum

### III. Latanya Peterson, Deputy Director of External Affairs Florida Department of Education

- ACTION ITEM: AAHTF should put together a social media calendar of what content at a full glance be shared on our platforms for review before posting.
- FDOE would like to promote/support our social media content on their platforms as well
- Director shared that she has been in contact with the Exemplary School Districts to offer support if needed.
- Districts must go through the Task Force to get Exemplary Status.
- Reached out to the districts to inquire how to showcase better what they are doing in their districts
- ACTION ITEM: Task Force creates a one-page white paper document on the

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- difference between CRT and what the Task Force is doing. Dr. Kelley Brown will work with Chairman Hill to create the document. Place document on FDOE website
- A commission is being discussed which will offer more resources.
  - Submitted plans for AAHTF bylaws
  - Dr. Kelley-Brown references Ocoee Report. DOE made edits and recommendations. Cindy Huffman stated the report had not been posted
  - Dir. Peterson office doesn't deal with Standards and Instructions – Contact- John Duebel
- IV. 2020-2021 Review and Accomplishments- Dr. Bernadette Kelley Brown
- Alachua County Public Schools obtained Exemplary Status.
  - Webinar Conference with school districts interested in Exemplary Status at PK Yonge
  - 2021 Summer Institute 600 participants
  - Seeking New Program Coordinator
- V. External Evaluator Summary- Dr. Andrea Oliver
- Summer Institute Participation  
Pre-Institute Assessment Results  
Participant Satisfaction Summary  
Strength and Suggests
- VI. Bylaws Review-Dr. Samuel Wright, Vice-Chair African American History Task Force
- Bylaws are still routing through FDOE leadership

### **Lunch Break [12:00 PM-1:00PM]**

- VII. Review of 2021-2022 Grant and Deliverables, Dr. Bernadette Kelley Brown
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter No gain to report
  - SGS Technologies additional funding to redesign AAHTF Webpage
  - EVERFI Partnership
- VIII. Exemplary Status Updates- Dr. Donna Austin
- Expressed to DOE to be included in contacting and visiting Exemplary School Districts
  - Addressed how can DOE increase accountability of compliance and presence with superintendents and districts
  - Suggest attaching statue to FSA
  - Stating the importance of Exemplary Status Coordinator being on the same page when meeting with Districts since the Task Force has existing relationships in the districts

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- Visiting Exemplary Schools to ensure they comply with their status
  - Flagler County excited to seek Exemplary Status.
  - Ms. Daryl Saunders, Hillsborough, retired Sept 2021
  - Increase presence in the Panhandle
- IX. Social Media- Sabrina Shade  
Duties and Responsibilities  
Highlights and Analytics from
1. AAHTF main webpage
  2. Social media handles - Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube
  3. Strategies to increase followers on AAHTF platforms
  4. Content being posted and why
  5. The importance of social media can be to connect AAHTF Mission and Goals to the public
- Cindy Huffman stated Task Force is listed under social studies on the FDOE website
  - Sen. Hill expressed focus should stay on Florida History on platforms
- X. Task Force Initiatives- 2021-2022
1. Black/White paper on CRT
  2. Continue to work with Dir. Peterson/Cindy Huffman towards a Commission
  3. 2022 Summer Institute
  4. Brand AAHTF to better represent out in the communities
  5. Organized on a state level
  6. Cohesive standards for Exemplary School Districts
  7. FDOE do a statewide press release on school districts with Exemplary Status
  8. Summer Institute Theme/Date
- XI. Calendar 2022
- XII. Administrative updates  
Ms. Georgia Wiley Harvey resigned  
Seeking New Program Coordinator  
Increase Ms. Shade hours  
Ms. Sherry Wells will assist in completing paperwork (contracts, requisitions, travel)
- XIII. Upcoming events 2022-Summer Institute  
ASALH – 2022 Black History Theme, Black Health and Wellness  
Sabrina Shade has identified Florida Historic Black Hospitals and Medical Pioneers
- XIV. Special Topics  
Dr. Kelley Brown moved to establish date for the Summer Institute, the week of June

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- Teenth. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brenda Walker
- XV. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn Dr. Kelley Brown at 3:48 pm.