

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
January 11, 2021

Members Present

Margo Dirkson	Charria Campbell	Arthur Banton
Robert Owens	Krystal Akehinmi	Ted Pelton
Rosemarie Black	Daniel Allen	Holly Mills

Members Absent

Troy Smith	Daniel Badoe	Nathaniel Colemon
Joshua Egwuatu	Katrina Ibezim	Gregory Holt
Qiera Bentley	Nicole Williams	Thomas Heard
Simone McKelvey	Jimmy Jones	Harry Ingle

The Commission on the Status of Blacks met on Monday, January 11, 2021 using the Teams Meet format. The meeting was called to order by Margo Dirkson at 3:07pm.

The agenda was approved. Holly Mills made the motion. Krystal Akehinmi seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting with corrections was made by Holly Mills. It was seconded by Rose Black. The motion carried unanimously.

Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Service:

The Omicron Phi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Silent March in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. It is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th



Book Deliveries to the local Head Start Programs was discussed. The link is: (<https://>

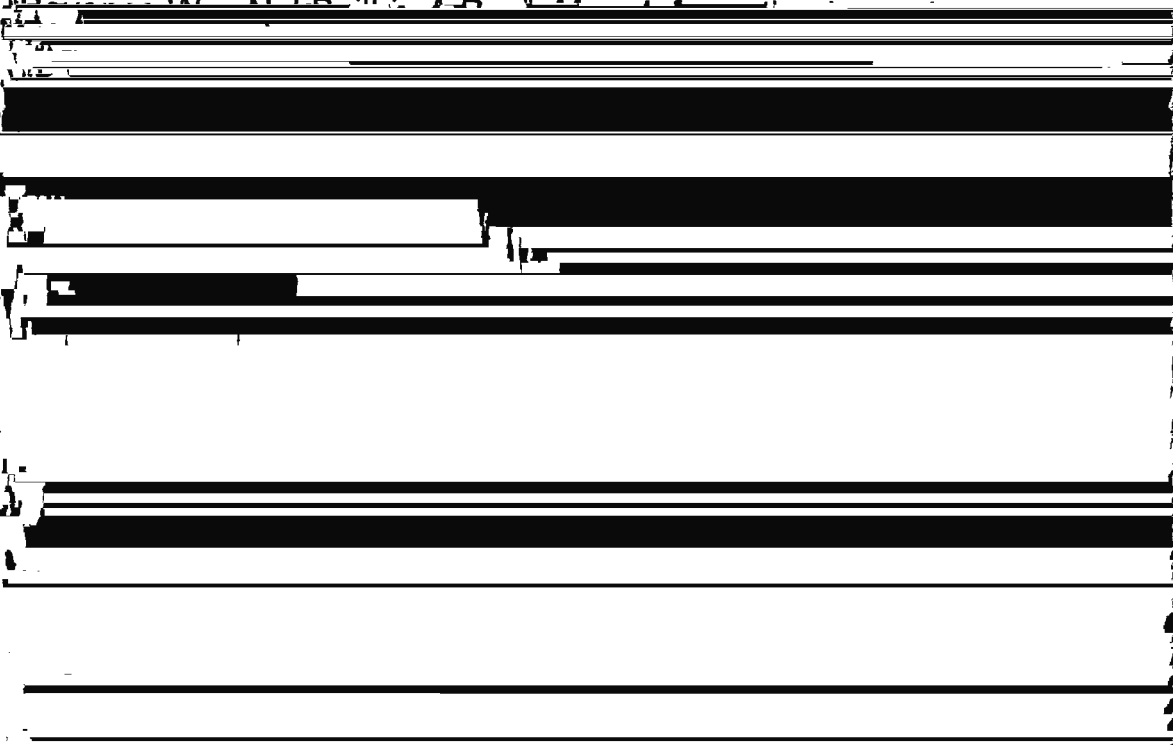
TTU Food Pantry Restock (Main & Auxiliary locations) was discussed. Two teams would go out shopping. Charria Campbell would lead a group in the morning on Friday January 22nd, and Michelle Huddleston would lead a group of shoppers in the afternoon. It was noted that volunteer groups would be limited to groups of nine people and COVID 19 guidelines would be followed.

The NAACP "Virtual" Martin Luther King Day Celebration" was mentioned. More information to come.

Center Stage has approved Rasheed Cromwell to speak on January 25th at



Center Stage and Multicultural Affairs will sponsor Ms. Natilie Williams, PhD, On February 11th, 2021 at 11am. The title of her presentation is



Black Business Focus

Dr. Robert Owens shared a link to Impact Cookeville in the chat. These are locally owned minority businesses. It was suggested that a day could be set up where each business could be patronized by TTU. The link is: