



Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs

1st Quarterly Commission Meeting

Virtual ZOOM

Thursday, May 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**
Curtis Ward, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs
- II. GOCI Opening Remarks:**
Lawrence Walker, Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Gregory Yancey, Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- III. Administrative Report:**
E. Keith Colston, Director of Ethnic Commissions for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- III. Sub-Committees: (The chair of each subcommittee to provide a written report of updates and discussions concerning their committee's progress since the last public commission meeting.)**
 - a. **Health** (*Dr. Melissa Buckley-Chair*)
 - b. **Business/Economic Development** (*Kassandra Tucker-Chair*)
 - c. **Education/Workforce Development** (*Gabriel Christian-Chair*)
 - d. **Community (Arts/Culture/Faith)** (*Luis McSween-Chair*)
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. **Carnival/Caribbean Festival (3 day event)**
 - b. **Library Event – create bags with the commission's name/GOCI logo**
- V. New Business:**
 - a. **By-laws**
 - b. **Creating the planning committee for the Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration.**
- VI. Public Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
- VII. Adjournment:**