



Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

HAND-DELIVERED

January 7, 2011

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1102 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing the Reverend Doctor Jeffrey A. Williams, of 903 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903, as a member of the Board of Licenses to fill the vacancy created by the term expiration of Paul Ragosta, for a term to end January 1, 2014, and respectfully submit the same for approval.

Sincerely,

Angel Taveras
Mayor

AT/gc

**IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB - 3 2011**

READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

CLERK

JEFFERY A. WILLIAMS, MPA, D.Min
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EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Master's in Public Administration Degree (MPA), 2010

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston, Massachusetts
Doctor of Ministry Degree - Urban Complex Settings (D.Min), 2007

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Bachelor of Arts Degree - Social Environmental Analysis (BA), 1985

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE OVERVIEW

Developed a comprehensive service oriented community church, managed an annual budget of \$760,000, increased membership from nine attendees to 800; founded the Leadership Training Institute to prepare, motivate and staff 30 different programs with 109 active volunteers presently; actively involved in community Policing initiatives; sponsored economic development projects to increase business start-ups and homeownership; critically engaged in voter turnout campaigns including the Restoring the Right 2 Vote for the disenfranchised; advocate for youth programs as part of the Executive Committee for the Providence After School Alliance (PASA); responsible for distributing over 54 tons of food to the poor and over 5,000 articles of clothing; conducted health awareness forums and outreaches including HIV/Aids, Adult/Childhood Obesity, Colon/Prostate/Breast Cancer and Diabetes. Frequent conference speaker on topics ranging from leadership development to community development and the empowerment of the poor.

Senior Pastor/Chief Empowerment Officer (Ordained)
The Cathedral of Life Christian Assembly
Providence, Rhode Island 1999 – Present

- Founded of multidimensional, international service oriented ministry
- Provides over-site to forty-seven churches in seven nations of the world
- Conducts weekly empowerment session for congregants from thirty-seven cities and towns in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts
- Convener of community and faith partnerships
- Motivational Speaker for the New England Patriots/National Football League

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Provider Relations Specialist

Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island 1990-1992

- Provided training and support to medical practices on claims processing
- Worked closely with physicians and office personnel on BC/BS procedures and protocol
- Resolved conflicts between provider and medical personnel

Special Projects Coordinator

State of Rhode Island Department of Administration - Directors' Office
Providence, Rhode Island 1988-1990

- Coordinated Minority Business /Women Business Enterprise Program
- Administrated the States' \$20 million Asbestos Abatement Program
- Speech researcher and writer for the Director of Administration and the Governors' Office

Assistant Director of Alumni Relations/Third World Alumni

Brown University

Providence, Rhode Island 1986-1988

- Raised over \$250,000 for the Investment Diversity Scholarship Fund
- Coordinated social and fundraising events for the minority alumni community
- Responsible for re-connecting alumni with programs

BOARD AND COMMITTEE INVOLVMENT

*Board of Directors, RI Free Clinic

*Providence Police Advisory Board

*Rhode Island Foundation, Black Philanthropy Initiative

*Board of Directors, Greater Providence YMCA

*Board of Directors, Family Services of Rhode Island

US Attorney General's Project Safe Neighborhoods

Board Member of the Ministers Alliance

Board of Directors, John Hope Settlement House

Providence After School Alliance Executive Committee

Mayor's Council of Religious Leaders

Board of Directors, Rhode Island Kids Count

Governing Board of Ready To Learn Providence

Executive Committee for Learning Communities

Board of Governor's, Leadership Rhode Island

* Present Board Membership

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THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
PROVIDENCE, R.I. 02903

February 3, 2011

The Honorable Michael A. Solomon
Council President
Providence City Council
City Hall
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Council President Solomon:

I am writing to express my support for Reverend Jeffrey A. Williams, who has been nominated to serve on the Board of Licenses.

A longtime Providence resident, Reverend Williams is a well-respected and very involved member of the community. He has shown his dedication to serving the public, both through his work at the Cathedral of Life church and by volunteering his time to serve on the Police Department's advisory board. He also has a great deal of government experience, having worked for the State for a number of years before finding his spiritual calling.

With his passion for social justice and his tireless efforts to improve life in our city, Reverend Williams is an excellent choice to fill the vacancy on the Board of Licenses and I strongly encourage you to approve his nomination.

Sincerely,

Tererence M. Hassett
Council President Pro Tempore
Ward 12

cc: Members of the City Council