

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 410  
Washington, DC 20004

**Memorandum**

**DRAFT**

To: All Councilmembers  
From: Evan Cash, Committee Director  
Date: March 5, 2019  
Subject: Minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting – February 19, 2019

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mendelson called to order a regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 10:32 a.m., on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 in the Council Chamber of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

**II. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**Committee Members Present**

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Councilmember Charles Allen  
Councilmember Anita Bonds  
Councilmember Mary Cheh  
Councilmember Jack Evans  
Councilmember Vincent C. Gray (11:36 a.m.)  
Councilmember David Grosso  
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau  
Councilmember Elissa Silverman  
Councilmember Brandon Todd  
Councilmember Robert White  
Councilmember Trayon White

**Committee Members Absent**

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie

**III. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Tuesday, January 22, 2019, Regular Meeting
- B. Tuesday, February 5, 2019, Additional Meeting

Chairman Mendelson moved for approval of the draft minutes *en bloc*. The minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

#### **IV. FILING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Secretary's Report**

Councilmember Evans moved to waive the reading of the Secretary's report, which was agreed to, without objection.

#### **V. FILING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Reading of Secretary's log of introductions and referrals**

Councilmember Evans moved to waive the reading of the Secretary's log of introductions and referrals, which was agreed to, without objection.

##### **B. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions from the dais**

Councilmember Nadeau introduced the "District of Columbia Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Act of 2019" with co-introducers Councilmembers Cheh, Gray, Grosso, and Silverman. Councilmember Allen joined as cosponsor. The measure was referred sequentially, first to the Committee on Health and second to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember Allen introduced the "Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2019" with co-introducers Councilmembers Bonds, Evans, Grosso, Nadeau, Silverman, and R. White. Councilmember Cheh joined as cosponsor. The measure was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember Allen introduced the "Office on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Establishment Amendment Act of 2019" with co-introducers Councilmembers Bonds, Evans, Grosso, Nadeau, and R. White. Councilmembers Cheh and Gray joined as cosponsors. The measure was referred to the Committee on Government Operations with comments from the Committee on Health.

Councilmember Allen introduced the "Transportation Benefits Equity Amendment Act of 2019" with co-introducers Councilmember Cheh. Councilmembers Bonds, Grosso, and Nadeau joined as cosponsors. The measure was referred to the Committee on Transportation and the Environment.

Councilmember T. White introduced the "Fair Tenant Screening Act of 2019." Councilmembers Bonds, Gray, and Grosso joined as cosponsors. The measure was referred to the Committee on Government Operations with comments from the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization.

Councilmember Todd introduced the "Dyslexia and Other Reading Disabilities Screening and Prevention Pilot Program Act of 2019" with co-introducers Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Evans, and Nadeau. Councilmembers Allen and Cheh, and T. White joined as cosponsors. The measure was referred sequentially, first to the Committee on Education and second to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember Todd introduced the “Blind Students Literacy and Education Rights Act of 2019” with co-introducers Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Grosso, and Nadeau. Councilmembers Cheh, Evans, Gray, R. White, and T. White joined as cosponsors. The measure was referred sequentially, first to the Committee on Education and second to the Committee of the Whole.

## **VI. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

## **VII. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

- A. **PR 23-50**, “District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights Dr. John D. Robinson Confirmation Resolution of 2018”

**Committee on Government Operations  
Chairperson Brandon Todd**

Councilmember Todd, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations, presented the measure. Chairman Mendelson asked if there were any questions.

In response to questions from Chairman Mendelson, the Acting General Counsel stated that the measure was legally and technically sufficient; the Secretary stated that the record on the measure was complete; and the Budget Director stated that the measure’s fiscal impact statement complied with Council requirements. Without objection, the measure was placed on the consent agenda for the February 19, 2019 Legislative Meeting.

Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Cheh, Evans, Gray, Grosso, Nadeau, Silverman, Todd, R. White, and T. White present; Councilmember McDuffie absent.

- B. **PR 23-37**, “Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs Larry Moon Confirmation Resolution of 2019”

**Committee on Facilities and Procurement  
Chairperson Robert White**

- C. **PR 23-61**, “Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs John Matthews Confirmation Resolution of 2019”

**Committee on Facilities and Procurement  
Chairperson Robert White**

Councilmember Robert White, Chairperson of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement presented the measures *en bloc*. Chairman Mendelson asked if there were any questions.

In response to questions from Chairman Mendelson, the General Counsel stated that the measures were legally and technically sufficient; the Secretary stated that the record on the measures was complete; and the Budget Director stated that the measures' fiscal impact statement complied with Council requirements. Without objection, the measure was placed on the consent agenda for the February 19, 2019 Legislative Meeting.

Chairman Mendelson and Councilmembers Allen, Bonds, Cheh, Evans, Gray, Grosso, Nadeau, Silverman, Todd, R. White, and T. White present; Councilmember McDuffie absent..

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEXT ISLATIVE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Legislative Meeting

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.