

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

REVISED

CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

**PR 23-694, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan
Confirmation Resolution of 2020”**

on

Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (or immediately following the preceding hearing)

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Council Channel 13 (Cable Television Providers)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.us)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on PR 23-694, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan Confirmation Resolution of 2020.” The hearing will be held **Thursday, October 8, 2020, 4:30 p.m.** (or immediately following the preceding hearing) via Zoom video conference. **This hearing notice has been revised to reflect new procedures and a new date; the original hearing date of April 7, 2020 was postponed.**

The stated purpose of **PR 23-694** is to confirm the appointment of Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan as the Executive Director of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Dr. Sereke-Brhan has been nominated by the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The Commission is an independent agency that consists of 18 members. Its role is to evaluate and initiate action on matters relating to the arts and humanities and to encourage programs that promote progress in the arts and humanities. Dr. Sereke-Brhan has been serving in an acting capacity since early October 2019.

Those who wish to testify must email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by the close of business **Tuesday, October 6, 2020**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration, the roundtable will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conferencing technology. Because of this, written or transcribed testimony from the public is **highly encouraged** and will be taken by email or voice mail. Testimony may be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us or may be left by voice mail (up to 3 minutes) – **which will be transcribed** – by calling (202) 430-6948. Testimony received by close of business on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020** will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation> prior to the hearing. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. This hearing will be limited to one hour. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2020.