

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WITNESS LIST**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

Bill 24-428, School Attendance Amendment Act of 2021

and, more generally

Update on Improving School Attendance/Reducing Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

on

Friday, March 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
Chairman's Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)**

WITNESS LIST

1. Damian Kinsey Boys Town Washington DC
2. Danielle Robinette Policy Attorney, DC's Children's Law Center
3. Winifred Wright ROOTS PCS
4. Commissioner Salim Adofo Commissioner, ANC 8C
5. Tayo Belle School Justice Project
6. Maria Blaeuer Advocates for Justice & Education, Inc
7. Jacqueline Pogue Lyons Washington Teachers' Union
8. Shannon Hodge Founding Executive Director of the DC Charter School Alliance
9. Corey Shaw Jr. Public Witness
10. Eboni-Rose Thompson Ward 7 Representative State Board of Education
11. Nikki D'Angelo Education Reform Now DC
12. Minetre Martin Education Reform Now DC

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| 13. | Laura Fuchs | Teacher, DC Public Schools |
| 14. | Eduardo Ferrer | Georgetown Juvenile Justice Initiative |
| 15. | Vivian Robledo | Executive Director, Next Steps Public Charter School |
| 16. | Kelly Hernandez Urquilla | UDC Student |
| 17. | Sheila CarsonCarr | Decoding Dyslexia DC |
| 18. | Nicole McCrae | IDEA Public Charter School |
| 19. | John Benison | DC Resident and parent of a DCPS Student |
| 20. | Josh Boots | EmpowerK12 |
| 21. | Katharine Bohrs | Harvard Law School Skirnick Public Interest Law Fellow |
| 22. | Karlo Silbiger | Managing Director of External Policy, KIPP DC |
| 23. | Rochanda Hiligh-Thomas | Executive Director of AJE |

Government Witnesses

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| 1. | Cinthia Ruiz | Interim Chief Integrity Officer, District of Columbia Public Schools |
| 2. | Paul Kihn | Deputy Mayor for Education |
| 3. | Dr. Christina Grant | State Superintendent, Office of the State Superintendent of Education |
| 4. | Dr. Jessica Sutter | President, DC State Board of Education |
| 5. | Rashida Young | Chief School Performance Officer, DC Public Charter School Board |
| 6. | Elizabeth Muffoletto | Deputy Director of Entry Services, Child and Family Services Agency |