

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole

DATE: May 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on PR 24-649, “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-649, “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022” was referred, reports favorably thereon and recommends approval by the Council.

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I. BACKGROUND AND NEED

On March 21, 2022, Proposed Resolution 24-649, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” was introduced by Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor. PR 26-649 would confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Mr. Marcus Turner for appointment as a member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission for a term to end November 7, 2024. Mr. Turner is being appointed to fill a vacancy created by the early departure of Rev. Karen Curry and this appointment will not count toward the 2-term limit (D.C. Official Code D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11 (c)(3)(e).

Mr. Turner is a resident of Ward 7. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Howard University and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus. Mr. Turner is a native Washingtonian and an experienced contract management professional. Along with a demonstrated and fervent personal experience in athletics as a student,

he is the parent of a student in the District who participates in youth sports. Having previously served as an ANC member (ANC 7B01), Mr. Turner is well poised to serve on a collaborative body such as the Athletics Commission.

The District of Columbia State Athletics Commission (DCSAC) was established as an independent agency (D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11 *et seq.*) in 2016. The DCSAC oversees the function and operations of the District of Columbia's State Athletics Association (DCSAA); recommends changes to and annually approves the DCSAA handbook; establishes athletic appeals panels to hear appeals from LEA decisions related to participant eligibility and decisions of the DCSAA and issue final decisions of such panels; advises the Mayor, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), and the Council on matters related to interscholastic athletics in the District and recommends rules to regulate interscholastic athletics programs and competitions.

The Commission is tasked with appointing a Chairperson annually from its members and must meet at least quarterly. The Commission consists of 9 voting members who must be residents of the District and are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and 6 *ex-officio* non-voting members. Further, at least one of each of the voting members the Commission must be:

- A parent of a student enrolled in a member public charter school located in the District;
- A parent of a student enrolled in a DCPS school;
- A parent of a student enrolled at a private or parochial member school located in the District;
- A member of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association, or its successor; and
- A member of the Public Charter Interscholastic Athletic Association, or its successor, if a majority of public charter schools that offer interscholastic athletics programs are members of the DCSAA.

Voting members are to serve a term 4 years and may be reappointed for a single term. *Ex-officio* members of the Commission are:

- The State Superintendent, or their designee;
- The Chancellor of DCPS, or their designee;
- The Chair of the Public Charter School Board, or their designee;
- The Deputy Mayor of Education, or their designee;
- The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or their designee; and
- The Director of the Department of General Services, or their designee.

In the Fiscal Year 2022, the Council approved an operating budget for the DCSAA of \$1,270,000 with 7.0 FTEs.

Table 1: Membership of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission

Resolution	Commissioner	Seat Designation	Appointment Date	Term End Date	Ward
PR 23-730	Terrance Lynch	Public Member	4/26/2019	11/16/2022	1
PR 23-731	Larry Carroll	Public Member	5/16/2019	11/16/2022	5
PR 24-216	Kevin Wills	Parent of a student enrolled in a DCPS school	8/6/2017	11/16/2024	7
PR 24-648	Lauren Orzechowski	Parent of a student enrolled in a public charter school located in the District		11/7/2025*	4
PR 24-649	Marcus Turner	Parent of a student enrolled in a private or parochial member school		11/7/2024*	7
PR 24-650	Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez	Public Member	8/6/2017	11/16/2025*	1
	Vacant	Public Member			
	Dwayne Foster	Member of the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association	10/11/2018	11/16/2022	4
	Michael Hunter	Public Charter School Interscholastic Athletic Association Member	4/26/2019	11/16/2022	5
	Tia Brumsted	OSSE Designee			
	Donny Gonzalez	DGS Designee			
	VACANT	DME Designee			
	VACANT	DCPS Designee			
	VACANT	DPR Designee			
	VACANT	PCSB Designee			

* Pending Appointment or Re-appointment by the Council

Mr. Turner is being appointed to the Commission as a voting member as a parent of a student enrolled in a private or parochial member school. Moreover, he is an experienced business professional with a contracts management background that would be helpful to the Commission and the Athletics Association as they host state athletics programming. He is dedicated to the mission of the Commission with the time and ability to serve. The Committee has heard no objections to Mr. Turner’s appointment. Therefore, the Committee recommends the adoption of PR 24-649.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

March 21, 2022 PR 24-649, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022” is introduced by Chairman Mendelson at the request of Mayor Bowser.

April 1, 2022 Notice of Intent to Act on PR 24-649 is published in the *District of Columbia Register*.

April 5, 2022 Referred to Committee of the Whole.

April 6, 2022 Notice of Public Hearing on PR 24-649 is filed with the Council's Office of Secretary.

April 8, 2022 Notice of Public Hearing Published in the *District of Columbia Register*.

April 25, 2022 The Committee of the Whole holds a Public Hearing on PR24-649.

May 3, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks up PR 24-649.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Mr. Marcus Turner is the Mayor's nomination for appointment to the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission.

IV. COMMENTS OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

The Committee received no testimony or comments from any Advisory Neighborhood Commission on PR 24-649.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 24-649 (and two other nominations to the District of Columbia's State Athletic Commission) on Monday, April 25, 2022. The testimony summarized below, and attached, is from the portion of the hearing pertaining to Mr. Marcus Turner.

Marcus Turner, Nominee, testified and answered questions from Chairman Mendelson regarding her background and experience as it pertains to the District of Columbia's State Athletics Commission and her interest in serving on the Commission.

The Committee received no testimony or comments in opposition to Mr. Turner's appointment.

VI. IMPACT ON EXISTING LAW

Members of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association are appointed pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11.

VII. FISCAL IMPACT

PR 24-649 will have no fiscal impact on the District of Columbia budget or financial plan. Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.12(d), members of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association do not receive compensation.

VIII. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

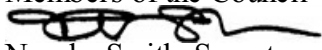
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| <u>Section 1</u> | States the short title of Proposed Resolution 24-649. |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Confirms the appointment of Marcus Turner as a member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission for four-year term to end November 7, 2024. |
| <u>Section 3</u> | Requires that a copy of the resolution, upon adoption, be transmitted to the nominee, the Commission, and to the Office of the Mayor. |
| <u>Section 4</u> | Provides that the resolution will take effect once approved by the Council. |

X. ATTACHMENTS

1. PR 24-649 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee pre-hearing questions.
3. Written testimony.
4. Legal Sufficiency Determination.
5. Committee Print for PR 24-649.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20004

Memorandum

To : Members of the Council

From : Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Date : Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Subject : Referral of Proposed Legislation

Notice is given that the attached proposed legislation was introduced in the Office of the Secretary on Monday, March 21, 2022. Copies are available in Room 10, the Legislative Services Division.

TITLE: "District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022", PR24-0649

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Mendelson, at the request of Mayor

The Chairman is referring this legislation to Committee of the Whole. This resolution will be deemed approved on Sunday, May 29, 2022 without Council action.

Attachment
cc: General Counsel
Budget Director
Legislative Services



March 21, 2022

MURIEL BOWSER

MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), and pursuant to section 103 of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Establishment and State Athletic Association Reorganization Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-263; D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11), I am pleased to nominate the following person:

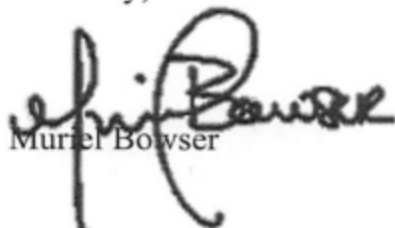
Mr. Marcus Turner
32nd Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
(Ward 7)

for appointment as a voting member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission who is a parent of a student enrolled in a private or parochial member school located in the District, replacing Rev. Karen Curry, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end November 7, 2024.

Enclosed you will find biographical information detailing the experience of the above-mentioned nominee, together with a proposed resolution to assist the Council during the confirmation process.

I would appreciate the Council's earliest consideration of this nomination for confirmation. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Steven Walker, Director, Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments, should the Council require additional information.

Sincerely,


Muriel Bowser



Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the appointment of Mr. Marcus Turner to the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia confirms the appointment of:

Mr. Marcus Turner
32nd Street, SE
Washington, DC 20019
(Ward 7)

as a voting member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission who is a parent of a student enrolled in a private or parochial member school located in the District, pursuant to section 103 of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Establishment and State Athletic Association Reorganization Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-263; D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11), replacing Rev. Karen Curry, for the remainder of an unexpired term to end November 7, 2024.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, each to the nominee and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE ATHLETICS COMMISSION**



Public Roundtable
on
PR24-0649, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Marcus Turner
Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

Testimony of
Marcus Turner

Before the
Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairperson

April 25, 2022
1:30 PM
Virtual Meeting Platform



Good afternoon, Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee. My name is Marcus Turner. I am a native Washingtonian and lifetime DC resident. I grew up in Ward 5 and graduated from both DC public schools and Howard University. My wife and I are currently raising our three children in Ward 7. I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to the DC State Athletic Commission.

My career working for a private federal contractor requires being dependable and a person that “gets things done.” I am accustomed to collaborating with multiple departments and working with differing perspectives to achieve common objectives. I’ve become a facilitator, influencer, and decision maker on key matters. These are the type of skills, amongst others, that I look to bring to the Commission.

So how did I end up here? As a youngster growing up, I participated in athletics: including tennis, basketball, and football. And now as a parent, I have seen how athletics encourages my daughter to try new things, overcome her fears and learn important skills such as time management and self-motivation.

There is no doubt in my mind that athletics are valuable to our students, providing new experiences and opportunities, and helping them understand that hard work is an important factor in achieving goals. Athletic programs promote physical activity, encourage healthy decision-making, keep our children occupied and teach skills that are directly relevant to academics including, but not limited to teamwork, memorization, effective communication, accountability, dedication, and leadership.



I think we can all agree that learning to work with others toward a common goal is crucial for our children's growth and is a vital skill as they enter adulthood and begin their careers.

I also believe in the importance of serving one's community. I previously served in the ANC 7B01 commission, vacating my seat only because of my family's move to our current neighborhood. I am committed to attending and participating in meetings, engaging with stakeholders, listening to concerns, and providing feedback after weighing options.

In conclusion, thank you again for the opportunity to testify today and I look forward to answering any questions from the Committee.



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3 **May 3, 2022**

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23 **(Ward 7)**

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