

**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 24-650, “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

The Committee of the Whole, to which PR 24-650, “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez 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 24-650, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez Confirmation Resolution of 2022,” was introduced by Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor. PR 26-650 would confirm the Mayor’s nomination of Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez for re-appointment as a member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission for a term to end November 16, 2025. Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez previously served on the inaugural Commission as a parent of a student enrolled in a public charter school. This would be her second and final appointment.

Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez is a resident of Ward 1. She received her Bachelor’s Degree from Howard University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of the District of Columbia School of Law. Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez is currently a staff attorney and recruitment and training coordinator at the Public Defender Service for the District, where she has served since 1994. Ms.

Overstreet Gonzalez is the current Chair of the Athletics Commission and was elected by the Commission unanimously.

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 Districts 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

Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez is being appointed to the Commission as a voting member as a public member. As the current Chair of the Commission, Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez is well acquainted with the workings of the Commission and has the time and ability to serve. The Committee has heard no objections to Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez’s appointment. Therefore, the Committee recommends the adoption of PR 24-650.

II. LEGISLATIVE CHRONOLOGY

- March 21, 2022 PR 24-650, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez 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 24-650 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 24-650 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 PR24-650.

May 3, 2022 The Committee of the Whole marks up PR 24-650.

III. POSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE

Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez 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 24-650.

V. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

The Committee of the Whole held a public hearing on PR 24-650 (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 Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez.

Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez, 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 Ms. Overstreet Gonzalez'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 24-650 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

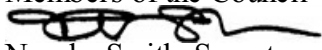
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| <u>Section 1</u> | States the short title of Proposed Resolution 24-650. |
| <u>Section 2</u> | Confirms the appointment of Marcus Turner as a member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission for four-year term to end November 16, 2025. |
| <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 24-650 as introduced.
2. Nominee's response to Committee pre-hearing questions.
3. Written testimony.
4. Legal Sufficiency Determination.
5. Committee Print for PR 24-650.

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 Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzales Confirmation Resolution of 2022", PR24-0650

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



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

March 21, 2022

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:

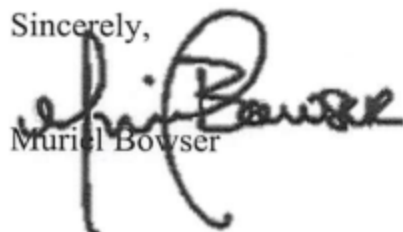
Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez
Clifton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Ward 1)

for reappointment as a voting member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission, for a term to end November 7, 2025.

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

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To confirm the re-appointment of Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez 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 Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzales Confirmation Resolution of 2022".

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

Ms. Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez
Clifton Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Ward 1)

as a voting member of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission, 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), for a term to November 7, 2025.

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
PR24-0650, the “District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Rosalyn
Overstreet Gonzales Confirmation Resolution of 2022”

Testimony of
Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzales

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, members of the Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to come before you. My name is Rosalyn Overstreet Gonzalez and it is my privilege to appear before you today as the Current Chair of the DC State Athletics Commission and a candidate for re-appointment to the Commission. I want to begin by thanking Mayor Bowser and you, Mr. Chairman, for holding this hearing. It has been my honor to serve and if confirmed, I will continue to dedicate the time and attention necessary to be an engaged member and continue the important work of the Commission.

Though I have shared information about my background previously, I will briefly restate my qualifications, and highlight the path of my many footprints here in the District of Columbia and my continued interest in serving as a member of the Commission. I am a long-time resident of Washington, DC, having lived here for over 30 years. I attended Howard University and later, the DC School of Law – now the David A. Clarke School of Law – at the University of the District of Columbia. Professionally, I am a proud public defender, serving as a staff attorney in the Parole Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. I have been with the agency for over 27 years and have represented hundreds of indigent persons in the District of Columbia. I have been married for 31 years and am the mother of two adult sons, both of whom attended DC Public Schools and participated in athletics. I have been a baseball coach and fan, as well as a basketball and football “Fan Mom.” My sons have become DC homeowners and are also engaged in their communities. My eldest son was a member of Cardozo Education Campus’ baseball coaching staff when he returned home from college several years ago – as we are a family who strives to model community engagement, support, and investment.



Since I was first appointed and confirmed as a member of the Commission in 2017, a lot has happened. My fellow Commissioners elected me as Chair of the State Athletics Commission. I undertook the role with pride and humility, not taking for granted the importance of that role. With the support of my fellow commissioners, we met regularly, listened to the input of community members, and worked very hard to bring uniformity and a level playing field to high school athletics in the District of Columbia. I have chaired dozens of Athletic Appeals Panel (AAP) Hearings, created inter-Commission guidance for the AAP hearings and rendered final decisions for petitioners/respondents. As chair, I regularly interact with the staff of the DC State Athletics Association (DCSAA) to maintain ongoing communication and synergy. One of the most shocking events that occurred during my tenure was the passing of our beloved Clark Ray, the first Executive Director of the DC State Athletics Association, in 2021. He is sorely missed, and I think I speak for all of us when I say that we are grateful for his leadership and his role in making both the Athletic Association and the Athletics Commission what they are today.

I believe that I remain well suited to continue to lead and serve on this Commission. Like everyone, I was a witness to the ways that the global pandemic affected all of our lives – but most importantly, the lives of students and student athletes. The DCSAA and the DCSAC were both careful stewards and staunch advocates for students as we created athletic solutions to support students and work through the pandemic. One of my goals for the Commission is a recovery “re-boot,” which will allow us to come together to celebrate our individual and collective contributions, generate new ideas and become more active in our roles. This is an exciting time for the Commission.



As we begin to rediscover the pre-pandemic world, there is still much to do. I relish the opportunity to continue the work that we started on behalf of the District of Columbia and our most deserving student athletes and their families. As the Commission moves forward, I will strive to help us to become the gold standard and a leader among Athletic Associations and Commissions across the country. We owe it to our student athletes. This, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, is a challenge that I wholeheartedly accept. It is an honor and a privilege to be considered and for that, I am very grateful. Thank you.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.



1 **COMMITTEE PRINT**
2 **Committee of the Whole**
3 **May 3, 2022**
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6 **A PROPOSED RESOLUTION**
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9 **IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**
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25 section 103 of the District of Columbia State Athletics Commission Establishment and State
26 Athletic Association Reorganization Act of 2016, effective April 7, 2017 (D.C. Law 21-263;
27 D.C. Official Code § 38-2661.11), for a second term to end November 7, 2025.

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

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