

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

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Student Absenteeism and Discipline

on

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Hearing Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

WITNESS LIST

Government Witnesses

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| 1. Laura Zeilinger | Director, Department of Human Services |
| 2. Paul Kihn | Deputy Mayor for Education |

Public Witnesses

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| 3. Eboni-Rose Thompson | President, D.C. State Board Of Education |
| 4. Robert Henderson | Ward 5 Representative, D.C. State Board of Education |
| 5. Eric Goulet | Ward 3 Representative, D.C. State Board of Education |
| 6. Chelsea Coffin | Director, Education Policy Initiative, D.C. Policy Center |
| 7. Eduardo Ferrer | Visiting Professor & Policy Director
Georgetown Juvenile Justice & Initiative |
| 8. Danielle Robinette | Senior Policy Attorney, Children's Law Center |
| 9. Jodi Ovca | Director, ACCESS YOUTH |
| 10. Hannah Mason | Senior Education Research Analyst, D.C. Policy Center |
| 11. Cynthia Robbins | Public Witness |

12. Tayo Belle Deputy Director, School Justice Project
13. Kerry Savage Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, PAVE
14. Kristi Matthews-Jones DC Girls Coalition
15. Karley Sessoms Public Witness
16. Tami Lewis Senior Director of Government Affairs, DC Charter School Alliance
17. Nicole Travers Senior Director of School Support & Program Data
18. Laura Maestas CEO, DC Prep PCS
19. Jessica Giles Executive Director, Education Reform Now Advocacy DC
20. Rustin Lewis Executive Director, Communities in Schools in the Nation's Capital
21. Monique Baker Communities in Schools in the Nation's Capital
22. Dylan Amankwaah Communities in Schools in the Nation's Capital
23. Phoebee Jean Public Witness
24. Justin Lessek Executive Director, Sojourner Truth PCS
25. Jaytoya Manget Faculty Nurse Practitioner, Children's National Hospital
26. Raymond Weeden Executive Director, Thurgood Marshall PCS
27. Rachel White Senior Youth Policy Analyst, DC Action
28. Tracy White CEO, Paul PCS
29. Marja Plater Senior Counsel, Youth Justice Counsel, Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
30. Micah Haskell-Hoehl Public Witness
31. BJ Paige Public Witness
32. Kathryn Procope Executive Director, Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS
33. Dr. Jeffery Grant CEO, Monument Academic PCS
34. Regina Bell Vice President, WTU Local 6

35. Elizabeth Weiss
Public Witness
36. LaJoy Johnson-Law
Disability Parent Advocate, Caregivers Dream
37. Maria Blaeuer
Director of Programs and Outreach, Advocates for Justice and Education
38. Akela Crawford
Director Of Legal Services, Advocates for Justice and Education
39. Amelia French
Advocates for Justice and Education
40. Cathy Reilly
Executive Director, Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals, and Educators
41. Josh Boots
Executive Director, Empower K-12
42. Scott Goldstein
Executive Director, EmpowerED
43. Caroline Pryor
Lead Organizer, EmpowerED
44. Angenette Planter
Teacher, EmpowerED
45. Dr. Donald Thompson
Educator, EmpowerED
46. Sophia Baratta
Teacher, EmpowerEd
47. Dante Comparetto
Teacher, Empowered
48. Antoine Kirby
Education Committee Chair, NAACP DC Branch
49. Yanik Gregg
Public Witness
50. Katrice Fuller
PAVE Parent Leader, PAVE (Parents Amplifying Voices in Education)
51. Navaeh Williams
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy
52. Taylin Jackson
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy
53. Naomi Toney
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy
54. Madison Stringfellow
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy
55. Marcus Williams
Youth Organizer, Black Swan Academy
56. Stephen Cook
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy
57. LaGeorgia Callaham
Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy

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| 58. K'layah McCoy | Youth Organizer, Black Swan Academy |
| 59. Tylea Dawson | Youth Leader, Black Swan Academy |
| 60. Ceon Dubose | Lead Organizer, Black Swan Academy |
| 61. Samantha Davis | Executive Director, Black Swan Academy |
| 62. Olivia Heinemann | Public Witness |
| 63. Sam Heinemann | Public Witness |
| 64. Taniya Bowling | Public Witness |
| 65. Erica Stevens | Friendship PCS |
| 66. Donna Black | Public Witness |
| 67. Trina Robinson | Public Witness |
| 68. Andrea Evans | Public Witness |
| 69. Ashley Ogbonna | Public Witness |
| 70. Fozeya Ahmed | Public Witness |
| 71. Clarisse Mendoza-Davis | CEO, Maya Angelou PCS & See Forever Foundation |
| 72. Cyril Pickering | School Psychologist, Maya Angelou PCS & See Forever Foundation |
| 73. Danielle Reiff | Public Witness |

Government Witnesses

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| 74. Lauren Haggerty | First Assistant Attorney General, DC Office of the Attorney General |
| 75. Tia Brumsted | Assistant Superintendent, Office of the State Superintendent for Education |
| 76. Cinthia Ruiz | Chief Integrity Officer, DC Public Schools |
| 77. Paige Hoffman | Chief of School Improvement and Supports, DC Public Schools |
| 78. Robert Matthews | Director, Child and Family Services Agency |