

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Bill 25-741, “Vocational Education for a New Generation Act of 2024”

on

Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

EXPERT WITNESSES

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| 1. | Kate Kreamer | Executive Director, Advance CTE |
| 2. | Alexander Perry | Coordinator, College in High School Alliance |
| 3. | Taylor White | New America |
| 4. | Kristen Hengtgen | The Education Trust |

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PANEL

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| 5. | Russ Williams | CEO, Center City PCS |
| 6. | Justin Lessek | Executive Director, Sojourner Truth PCS |
| 7. | Douglas Nidzgorski | Teacher and Innovation Coordinator, Friendship PCS |
| 8. | Leicester Johnson | CEO, Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School |

PUBLIC WITNESSES

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| 9. | Nicole Travers | Senior Director of School Support & Program Data, DC Charter School Alliance |
| 10. | Cathy Reilly | Public Witness |
| 11. | Chelsea Coffin | Director of the Education Policy Initiative, D.C. Policy Center |

12. Robert Henderson Ward 5, DC State Board of Education
13. Charles Boston Director, Youth Arboriculture Career Experience
14. Jessica Giles Executive Director, Education Reform Now Advocacy DC
15. Faith Gibson Hubbard Public Witness
16. Regina Bell General Vice President, Washington Teachers Union
17. Dr. Jermal Sewell Public Witness
18. Ashley Ruff Commissioner, ANC 7F02
19. Scott Goldstein Executive Director, EmpowerEd
20. Josephine Bias Robinson Executive Director, DC Education Research Collaborative
21. Jamison Ford CTE Student Leader, McKinley Technology HS
22. Kathryn Procope Executive Director, Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science
23. Lateefah Durant Public Witness
24. Laura Fuchs Public Witness
25. Simone Scott Public Witness
26. Renee Davis Public Witness
27. Kisha Clark Public Witness
28. Claus von Zastrow Senior Policy Director, Education Commission of the States
29. Molly Kirsch Public Witness
30. Beth Kushner Public Witness
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32. Patience Yudom Workforce Graduate, Briya Public Charter School
33. Alessandra Cipriani-Detres National College Attainment Network (NCAN)
34. Hanna Furber Public Witness

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| 35. | Ana Rodriguez | Public Witness |
| 36. | Kunta Bedney | Public Witness |
| 37. | Shreyas Patel | State Advisor, DC HOSA Future Health Professional (CTSO) |
| 38. | Henry Gonzalez-Cruz | HOSA |
| 39. | Jacob McCormick | Academy of Health Sciences Teacher & HOSA Advisor, District of Columbia International School HOSA |
| 40. | Masaley Kargbo | Advisor, Calvin Coolidge High School HOSA Chapter |
| 41. | Vai (Via'shalaine) Eisenberg | Public Witness |
| 42. | Irene Jacobs | Policy Manager, Black Swan Academy |
| 43. | Syamyia Beach | Public Witness |
| 44. | Thomas Penny | Public Witness |
| 45. | Janol Vincen | Director of Postsecondary Programs and Workforce Partnerships, See Forever Foundation & Maya Angelou Public Charter Schools |
| 46. | Akoshia Yoba | Director, Career and Technical Education, See Forever Foundation & Maya Angelou Public Charter Schools |
| 47. | Stephen DeWitt | Deputy Executive Director, Association for Career and Technical Education |
| 48. | Joshua Jackson | Public Witness |
| 49. | Morgan Wilkins | Public Witness |
| 50. | Paulette Tilghman | Public Witness |
| 51. | Nikki Jones | Public Witness |
| 52. | Erin Bibo | Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, CityWorks DC |
| 53. | Tanya Borachi | Public Witness |

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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| 54. | Dr. Antoinette Mitchell | Interim State Superintendent, Office of the State Superintendent of Education |
| 55. | Glenn Starnes II | Deputy Chief of Social, Emotional, and Academic Development Strategy, DCPS |