

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

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

on

Academic Achievement in the District of Columbia

on

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

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

EXPERT WITNESSES

1. Niya Smith Principal, Center City Public Charter Schools--Congress Heights
2. Allister Chang Ward 2, DC State Board of Education
3. Helen Behr Director, DC Reading Clinic, DC Public Schools
4. Suzanne Donovan Strategic Education Research Partnership Institute

PUBLIC WITNESSES

5. Robert Henderson Ward 5, DC State Board of Education
6. Karla Reid-Witt Co-Lead, Decoding Dyslexia DC
7. Ariel Johnson Executive Director, DC Charter School Alliance
8. Chelsea Coffin Director of the Education Policy Initiative, D.C. Policy Center
9. Jessica Giles Executive Director, Education Reform Now Advocacy DC
10. Joseph Speight Friendship Public Charter Schools
11. Maya Martin Cadogan Public Witness
12. Regina Bell General Vice President, Washington Teachers Union

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| 13. | Betsy Wolf | Public Witness |
| 14. | Ashley Ruff | Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Council, 7F02 |
| 15. | Scott Goldstein | Executive Director, EmpowerEd |
| 16. | Allyson Criner Brown | Public Witness |
| 17. | Laura Fuchs | Public Witness |
| 18. | Jamila White | Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Council, 8A05 |
| 19. | Quiana Lamons | Public Witness |
| 20. | Sharn Boone-Ruffin | Public Witness |
| 21. | DaSean Jones | Public Witness |
| 22. | Ty Andrews | Public Witness |
| 23. | Rabiah Harris | Public Witness |
| 24. | Amy Boccardi | Public Witness |
| 25. | Elizabeth Weiss | Public Witness |
| 26. | Lauren Hartshorn | Public Witness |
| 27. | Sheila Carson Carr | Public Witness |
| 28. | Rachel Kimboko | Executive Director, DC Wildflower Public Charter School |
| 29. | Justin Lessek | Executive Director, Sojourner Truth Public Charter School |
| 30. | Natasha Taylor | Curriculum & Instruction Specialist, PK 3 -2 nd Grade, Center City Public Schools |
| 31. | Charlotte Spann | Executive Director, Accountability and Organizational Improvement, Paul PCS |
| 32. | Laura Maestas | Public Witness |
| 33. | Elisabeth Chay | Public Witness |
| 34. | Mary Pendleton | Public Witness |
| 35. | Paige Veliz-Gilbert | Public Witness |
| 36. | Caroline Pryor | EmpowerEd |
| 37. | Dominique Moore | EmpowerEd |

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| 38. | Rosalyn Lake | EmpowerEd |
| 39. | Alfons Prince | EmpowerEd |
| 40. | Ange Pirko | EmpowerEd |
| 41. | Zellee Jones | EmpowerEd |
| 42. | Tiara Hudson | EmpowerEd |
| 43. | Kelley Ukhun | President, DC ACTS |
| 44. | Irene Jacobs | Policy Manager, Black Swan Academy |
| 45. | Evereen Daley | Public Witness |
| 46. | Renee Davis | Public Witness |
| 47. | Elizabeth Reddick | Public Witness |

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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| 48. | Corie Colgan | Chief, Office of Teaching and Learning, DC Public Schools |
| 49. | Alison Williams | Senior Deputy Chief, Content and Curriculum, DC Public Schools |
| 50. | Dr. Michelle Walker Davis | Executive Director, Public Charter School Board |
| 51. | Dr. Antoinette Mitchell | Interim State Superintendent, OSSE |
| 52. | Elizabeth Ross | Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, OSSE |
| 53. | Kelley Scholl | Assistant Superintendent of Data, Assessment and Research, OSSE |