

**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

**Agency Performance Oversight:
Office of the State Superintendent of Education**

on

Friday, March 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

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

PUBLIC WITNESSES

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| 1. | Robert Henderson | Ward 5 Representative, DC State Board of Education |
| 2. | Eric Goulet | Ward 3 Representative, DC State Board of Education |
| 3. | Ruqiyah Anbar-Shaheen | Director of Early Childhood, DC Action |
| 4. | Tazra Mitchell | Chief Policy and Strategy Officer, DC Fiscal Policy Institute |
| 5. | Audrey Kasselmann | Senior Policy Analyst, Early Education, DC Action |
| 6. | Tata Koye | Public Witness |
| 7. | Niiya Matthews | Public Witness |
| 8. | Jamal Berry | President and CEO, Educare DC |
| 9. | Ronnell Nathaniel | Vice President of Programs, Educare DC |
| 10. | Adam Barragan-Smith | Advocacy Manager, Educare DC |
| 11. | Renee Sally | Director of Operations and Compliance |
| 12. | Cristina Chapman | Academic Director, CommuniKids Preschool and Children's Language Center |

13. Raul Echeverria
President and CEO, CommuniKids
Preschool and Children's Language
Center
14. Yves-Carmel Decelian-Cadet
Director, Ideal Child Development Center
15. Cornett Roberts-Njoku
Program Director, Rosemount Center
16. Dr. Torrian Brent
Comprehensive Services, Educare DC
17. Sharnetta Meyers
Lead Teacher, Educare DC
18. Alethea Etinoff
Administrator, POC Learning Academy
LLC
19. Danielle Robinette
Senior Policy Attorney, Children's Law
Center
20. Jeffrey Credit
CEO, Community Educational Research
Group
21. Julie Camerata
Executive Director, DC Special Education
Cooperative
22. Victor Horton
Deputy Director, Education Reform Now
Advocacy
23. Donna Mason
Executive Director, St. Albans Early
Childhood Center
24. Jordan Pickett
Public Witness
25. Hannah Mason
Senior Education Researcher, D.C. Policy
Center
26. Jamari Blakeney
Lead Teacher, Educare DC
27. Tiara Williams
Instructional Coach, Educare DC
28. Miriam Magdieli
Public Witness
29. Kishan Putta
Public Witness
30. Maribel Ventura-Torres
Executive Director, Barbara Chambers
Children's Center
31. LaMonika Jones
Director, DC Hunger Solutions
32. Sarah Grace Kirkendall
DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
33. Karen Lynch
Public Witness

34.	Dakota Richardson	Public Witness
35.	Jen Kane	Public Witness
36.	William Kane	Public Witness
37.	Jenn Kauffman	Public Witness
38.	Scott Goldstein	Executive Director, EmpowerEd
39.	Bisi Oyedele	CEO, Education Forward DC
40.	Esteban Morales	Educational Director, CentroNia
41.	Joangelee Hernandez	Pre-K Education Manager, CentroNia
42.	Erika Osorio	Public Witness
43.	Cindy Reyes	Public Witness
44.	Sally D'Italia	Public Witness
45.	Pamela Pratt	Parent Ambassador, Educare DC
46.	Josh Boots	Executive Director, EmpowerK12
47.	Beth Bacon	Director of Education, FRESHFARM
48.	Yasmin Shaffi	Executive Director of Early Learning, National Children's Center
49.	Victoria Junious	Public Witness
50.	Simon Rodberg	Executive Director, Lee Montessori Public Charter School
51.	Cynthia Davis	Executive Director, DC Family Child Care Association
52.	Ben Wacks	Public Witness
53.	Kerry Savage	Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, PAVE
54.	Kamren Rollins	Public Witness
55.	Zharray Johnson	Teacher, Educare DC
56.	Rachel Johnston	Chief of Staff, DC Charter School Alliance
57.	Andria Tobin	Public Witness
58.	Shannon Hodge	President, KIPP DC

59. Justin Lessek
Executive Director, Sojourner Truth
Public Charter School
60. Teri Lee
Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator,
Bright Beginnings
61. Maurquise Hall
Youth Specialist, Youth Guidance
62. Maximus Carter
Student, Ballou High School, Youth
Guidance
63. Elizabeth Mitchell
Public Witness
64. Stephanie Maltz
Public Witness
65. Deitra Shane
Instructional Coach, National Children's
Center
66. Cat Peretti
Public Witness
67. Elba Lopez
Public Witness
68. Alexandra Miller
Child and Family Support Specialist,
Bright Beginnings
69. Janice Kinard-Bean
Executive Director, Jenkins Hill Child
Development Center
70. Mario Clopton
Yu Ying Elementary Campus Principal,
Washington Yu Ying Public Charter
School
71. Amy Quinn
Early Years Campus Principal,
Washington Yu Ying Public Charter
School
72. Richard Benjumea
Bilingual Organizer, SPACeS in Action
73. Karissa Warren
Partnership Manager, SPACeS in Action
74. Megan Salmon
Bilingual Grassroots Organizer, SPACeS
in Action
75. Fari Ghamina Tumpe
Health Equity Organizer, SPACeS in
Action
76. Deja Williams
Health Equity Organizer, SPACeS in
Action
77. Destynee Bolton
SPACeS in Action
78. Pablo Hauschildt
Leader, SPACeS in action
79. Dorthy Wright
Leader, SPACeS in action

80.	Earlene Fletcher	Leader, SPACeS in action
81.	Melissa Turcios	Leader, SPACeS in action
82.	Russ Williams	CEO, Center City Public Charter School
83.	Maria Blaeuer	Public Witness
84.	Tyrell Holcomb	Vice President of External Affairs, Jubilee Housing, Inc.
85.	Rachel Kimboko	Executive Director, DC Wildflower Public Charter School
86.	Ina Borjas	Principal, DCBilingual Public Charter School
87.	Dylan Amankwaah	Site Coordinator, J.O. Wilson, Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital
88.	Angeline Pino-Silva	Site Coordinator, Stuart Hobson, Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital
89.	John Glover	Chief of External Affairs, Friendship Public Charter School
90.	Ana Rodriguez	Parent Leader, PAVE
91.	Quiana Lamons	Parent Leader, PAVE
92.	Letisha Vinson	Parent Leader, PAVE
93.	Ty Andrews	Parent Leader, PAVE
94.	Tiffany Randall	Parent Leader, PAVE
95.	Elizabeth Reddick	Parent Leader, PAVE
96.	Takia Shire	Parent Leader, PAVE
97.	Sharn Boone-Ruffin	Parent Leader, PAVE
98.	Latiya Loring	Parent Leader, PAVE
99.	Chantee Williams	Public Witness
100.	Blanca Huevo	Program Coordinator, Multicultural Spanish Speaking Providers Association
101.	Rosa Pelaez	Public Witness
102.	Neena Murphy Martin	Legislative Action Committee Chair, Top

		Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated – Washington DC Chapter
103.	Michael Cordell	Public Witness
104.	Jodi Ovca	Executive Director, Access Youth
105.	Aamir Mansoor	Vice President of Government and External Partnerships, The Literacy Lab
106.	Shayna Scholnick	Director of the Promotor Pathway, Latin American Youth Center
107.	Kendra Macko	High School Principal, Capital City Public Charter School
108.	Elizabeth Weiss	Public Witness
109.	Brandon White	Executive Director, Spark the Journey
110.	Tia Moore	Public Witness
111.	Cora MacDonald	Public Witness
112.	Sandra Velazquez	Public Witness
113.	Maria Elena Paucar	Public Witness
114.	Alice Macdonald	Public Witness
115.	Eleanor Sobande	Public Witness
116.	Dextina Nebo	Site Coordinator, Communities in Schools of the Nation’s Capital
117.	Siobhan Saul	Parent Leader, PAVE
118.	Karen Ceron	Public Witness
119.	Mariana Sorto	Public Witness
120.	Liliana Torres	Public Witness
121.	Andre Aina	Public Witness
122.	Elizabeth Torres	CEO/Co-Founder, Washington Global Public Charter School
123.	Laura Maestas	Public Witness
124.	Rochanda Hiligh-Thomas	Executive Director, Advocates for Justice and Education
125.	Myeeka Mullins	Public Witness

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| 126. | Amina Benamrouche | Public Witness |
| 127. | Ben Bergmann | Public Witness |
| 128. | Analice Bruce | Driven Student Corps Tutor/Mentor,
Raising a Village Foundation |
| 129. | Sawyer Dearing | Public Witness |
| 130. | Junor Johnson | Public Witness |
| 131. | Ellie Canter | Public Witness |
| 132. | Simeon Lehmann | Public Witness |
| 133. | Jorge Membreño | Director of Youth Advocacy, DC Action |
| 134. | Claire Mooney | Chief Financial and Operating Officer,
Out Teach |

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

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| 135. | Dr. Antoinette Mitchell | Interim State Superintendent, Office of
the State Superintendent of Education |
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