

**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:

**State Board of Education
Office of the Ombudsman of Public Education
Office of the Student Advocate
District of Columbia State Athletic Association
Deputy Mayor of Education
University of the District of Columbia
Public Charter School Board (Government)**

on

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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

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| 1. Eric Goulet | Vice President, SBOE |
| 2. Robert Henderson | Ward 5 Representative, DC SBOE |
| 3. Danielle Robinette | Senior Policy Attorney, Children's Law Center |
| 4. Katrina Owens | Public Witness |
| 5. Rachel Johnston | Chief of Staff, DC Charter Alliance |
| 6. Emma Kelly | Public Witness |
| 7. Njeri Jenkins | OST Advocacy Manager, DC Action |
| 8. Jessica Nguyen | DC Action |
| 9. Blanca Huezo | Program Director, Multicultural Spanish Speaking Providers Association |

10. Anoosha Imran	DC Policy Center
11. Laura Fuchs	President, Washington Teacher's Union
12. Simon Rodberg	Public Witness
13. Andria Tobin	Public Witness
14. DaVaughn Montgomery	Fellow/DC Educator, EmpowerED
15. Gabriela Silva	Senior Program Manager, PAVE (Parents Amplifying Voices in Education)
16. Heather Jenkins	Chief Executive Officer, The Literacy Lab
17. Alessandra Pinna	DC Impact Director, The Literacy Lab
18. Meco Jackson	Public Witness
19. Peter Freeman	Public Witness
20. Myunna Bennett	Public Witness
21. Tyana Gregory	Public Witness
22. Mehmet, Alex Arican	Public Witness
23. Jhanine Walker	Public Witness
24. Janet Davis	Public Witness
25. Katherine Sung	Public Witness
26. McAlister Clabaugh	Programming and Grants Coordinator, Washington Urban Debate League
27. Jessica Giles	Executive Director, DC, Center for Strong Public Schools Action Fund
28. Caroline Pryor	Director of Policy & Power-Building, EmpowerED
29. Angenette Planter	DC Educator, EmpowerED
30. Rosalyn Lake	DC Educator, EmpowerED
31. Cara Schiavone	DC Educator, EmpowerED
32. Ange Pirko	DC Educator, EmpowerED

33. Zack Wilson	DC Educator, EmpowerED
34. Celia Daughtridge	DC Educator, EmpowerED
35. Cathy Reilly	Executive Director, Senior High Alliance of Parents, Principals and Educators
36. Scott Goldstein	Executive Director, EmpowerED
37. Tanya Borachi	Director of Education and Workforce, Federal City Council
38. Joy Bentley Phillips	Chief Strategy & Growth Officer, Academy of Hope Adult PCS
39. Neil Richardson	Coordinator, DC Coalition on Long Term Care
40. Andrew Lee	Executive Director, Washington Conservatory
41. Dermell Brunson	President, Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center
42. Nala King	Public Witness
43. Anna Scudiero	Public Witness
44. Erin Bibo	Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, CityWorks DC
45. Jasmine Watkins	Director of Programs, Project Create DC
46. Vernice Woodland	Global Kids
47. Rainaka Proctor	Global Kids
48. Shoneh Brooks	Global Kids
49. Mercy Odagbodo	Global Kids
50. Arafat Omijori	Public Witness
51. Adenia Tesfalidet	Public Witness
52. Allyson Espinoza	Global Kids
53. Kori Bullock	Global Kids
54. Adenia Tesfalidet	Global Kids

55. Shandell Richards	Chief Program Officer, Horton's Kids
56. Audrey Walker	Director of Youth Services, Jubilee Housing, Inc
57. Vera Yaa-Anna	Executive/Artistic Director, Captiol Hill Community Foundation
58. Blen Gebre	Public Witness
59. Eva Morel	Public Witness
60. Oyin Adeosun	Public Witness
61. Genevieve Thomas	Public Witness
62. Zowie Boyd	Public Witness
63. Bri Corrales	Public Witness
64. Mahder Dereje	Public Witness
65. Dani Rodriguez	Program Specialist, Global Kids
66. David Weinberg	Public Witness
67. Fatima Baig	Program Director, Asian American LEAD
68. Leslie Lewis	DC Regional Manager, The Petey Greene Program
69. Christina Hanson	Community Organizer, Free DC
70. Jazmine Brazier	Youth Services Director, Healthy Babies Project
71. Michael Rodrigues	Chief Executive Officer, St. Coletta of Greater Washington
72. Dominique Moore	Community Organizer, EmpowerED
73. James Morgan	Executive Director, Higher Achievement
74. Danielle Schmutz	Executive Director, Beacon House
75. Laura Maestas	CEO, DC Prep
76. Jennifer Bradham	Public Witness
77. Irene Jacobs	Policy Manager, Black Swan Academy

78. Rhayne Johnson	Public Witness
79. Liddy Bella	Supervisor of Out of School Time Program, Jah Kente International, Inc.
80. Ava Millstone	EmpowerED
81. Kendall Brya	Executive Director, Amy Jacques Garvey Institute
82. Noelia Mercedes Hurtado Garcia	Public Witness
83. Cassandra Lemus-Reyes	President, The Fashion Society from UDC's Fashion Merchandising Program
84. Kayleah Shelton	President, Undergraduate Student Government Association
85. Toluwalase Adetosoye	Public Witness
86. Sheryl Augustine	Public Witness
87. Korey Arnold	Public Witness
88. Paul Kihn	Public Witness
89. Evelyn Joe	Public Witness
90. Heavenly Anderson	Healthy Babies Project
91. Meeta Sharma-Holt	Executive Director, The Fishing School Inc.
92. Lorena Flores	Public Witness
93. Dr. Marilyn James	Executive Director, Children and Charity International
94. Ke'Aunte Rious	Youth Participant, Health Babies Project
95. Luis Sotomayor	Math Specialist and Saturday Academy Director, Mary Mcleod Bethune Day Academy PCS
96. Mercia Clinkscale	Youth Participant, Healthy Babies Project
97. Tara Brown	Parent Leader, PAVE
98. LaSheema Burnett	Parent Leader, PAVE
99. Dylan Perry	Student, Mikva Challenge

1. Josephine Mazyck
Executive Director, Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN DC)
2. Amir Lowery
Executive Director, Open Goal Project
3. Khalia Jackson
Director of Development and Communications, Midtown Youth Academy

GOVERNMENT WITNESS LIST

1. Kenneth Owens
Executive Director, District of Columbia State Athletic Association
2. Jacque Patterson
Presidet, DC State Board of Education
3. Kimberly Humphrey
Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education
4. Dan Davis
Chief Student Advocate, Office of the Student Advocate
5. Dr. Maurice Edington
President, University of the District of Columbia
6. Paul Kihn
Deputy Mayor for Education, Office of the Mayor
7. Dr. Michelle Walker-Davis
Executive Director, DC Public Charter School Board