

**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

Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budgets for:

**Council of the District of Columbia
New Columbia Statehood Commission**

on

Friday, May 1, 2026 at 9:00 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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District of Columbia Auditor

1. Scott Goldstein Executive Director, EmpowerEd
2. Donshia Predeoux Advocate, SWAN DC
3. Kathleen Patterson District of Columbia Auditor

DC Retirement Board

1. Robert Raben Founder and Executive Director, Diverse Asset Managers Initiative
2. Donshia Predeoux Advocate, SWAN DC
3. JP Balestrieri Executive Director, DC Retirement United States Representative

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

1. Scott Goldstein Executive Director, EmpowerEd
2. Sam Bonar Policy Director, DC Community Wealth Builders

3. Ricardo Sheler DC Community Wealth Builders
4. Ayden Simpson DC Community Wealth Builders
5. Austin Cipriano DC Community Wealth Builders
6. Brianna McGowan DC Community Wealth Builders
7. Danyel Tharakan DC Community Wealth Builders
8. Jen Jenkins Senior Policy Attorney, Legal Aid DC
9. Liz DeBarros Executive Director, DCBIA
10. Betty Gentle Senior Director, Advocacy & Public Policy, SOME, Inc.
11. Erica Williams Public Witness
12. Tazra Mitchell Chief Policy and Strategy Officer, DC Fiscal Policy Institute
13. Brittany Pope Public Witness
14. Funke Idowu Public Witness
15. John Simmons Public Witness
16. Deborah Ogarro Public Witness
17. Daisy Gomez Palacios Public Witness
18. Vincent Orange Managing Partner , Law Office of Vincent Orange
19. Salim Adofu Commissioner, Single Member District 8C07
20. Michelle Chappell Co-Chair, Congress Working Group, Free DC
21. Abel Amene Policy Fellow, Fair Budget Coalition
22. Vernon Suggs Public Witness
23. Niciah Petrovic Mujahid Executive Director, Fair Budget Coalition

24. Eduarda Serafim Solidarity Organizer, DC Jobs With Justice
25. Akua Danqua Mom-advocate, Mother's Outreach Network
26. Mary Rhodes Senior Counsel, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington
27. Donshia Predeoux Advocate, SWAC DC
28. Robert Warren Lead Organizer, People for Fairness Campaign
29. Kenyatta Smith Public Witness
30. Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer