COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
WITNESS LIST
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy

on

Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Room 500 (Track A)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)

INVITED WITNESS LIST

1.	Daniel Chuhta	Director of State Engagement, BARR Center
2.	Vielka Scott-Marcus	Chief Academic Officer, Friendship Public Charter School
3.	Dr. Brian Rahaman	Chief Executive Officer, IDEA Public Charter School
4.	Kortni Stafford	Principal, McKinley Middle School and McKinley Technology High School DCPS
5.	Linda Locklear	Attendance Counselor, McKinley Technology High School DCPS
6.	Allen Richardson	Principal, Stanton Elementary School DCPS
7.	Angela Scales	Attendance Counselor, Stanton Elementary School DCPS

PUBLIC WITNESSES

8.	Jacque Patterson	President, D.C. State Board of Education
9.	T. Michelle Colson	Ward 4 Representative, DC State Board of Education

10. Eric Goulet	Ward 3 Representative, DC State Board of Education
11. Dr. LaJoy Johnson-Law	Ward 8 Representative, DC State Board of Education
12. Jessica Giles	Executive Director - DC, Center for Strong Public Schools Action Fund
13. Scott Goldstein	Executive Director, EmpowerEd
14. Caroline Pryor	Director of Policy & Powerbuilding, EmpowerEd
15. Laura Fuchs	President, Washington Teachers' Union
16. Gracy Obuchowicz	Director of Educator Wellness, EmpowerEd
17. Danielle Robinette	Senior Policy Attorney, Children's Law Center
18. Salim Adofo	Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission
19. Anoosha Imran	D.C. Policy Center
20. Emily Bailard	Co-Founder, EveryDay Labs
21. Nicole Travers	Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, DC Charter School Alliance
22. Michele McKenzie	School Support Manager, DC Charter School Alliance
23. Kathryn Procope	Executive Director, Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science
24. Russ Williams	CEO, Center City PCS
25. Nakeisha Jones-Helton	Assistant Director of Scholar Experience, Paul Public Charter School
26. Linda Long	Manager of Attendance Data & Strategy, Paul Public Charter School
27. Sanyukta Deshmukh	Pediatrician, Member of the DCAAP, DC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

28. Henry Caraballo	High School Student, Paul Public Charter School
29. Ramya Dunna	Public Witness
30. China White	Public Witness
31. Leilani Abel	Public Witness
32. Kamila Aripova	Public Witness
33. Hawk Velez	Public Witness
34. Michai Perkins	Public Witness
35. Jeremiah Afram	Public Witness
36. Darrin Richardson	Public Witness
37. Zakiah DeLoatch	Public Witness
38. Sam Brennan	Public Witness
39. Yisreal Kittrell	Public Witness
40. Gabriel Juskiewicz	Public Witness
41. Ra Galloway Slick	Public Witness
42. Stella Cordoba Lieb	Public Witness
43. Natalia Brown Jackson	Public Witness
44. Zawari Jenifer	Public Witness
45. Sophia Benn	Public Witness
46. Markist Duncan	Public Witness
47. Lindsay Looft	Director of Operations, KIPP DC
48. Antonio Myers	Public Witness
49. Bobby Caballero	CEO and Head of Schools, Elsie Whitlow Stokes School
50. Salima Driss	Public Witness

51. Maya Martin Cadogan	Founder & Executive Director, PAVE (Parents Amplifying Voices in Education)
52. Gabriela Silva	Senior Program Manager, PAVE (Parents Amplifying Voices in Education)
53. Dr. Antoinette Mbarga	Community School Coordinator , Edgewood/Brookland Family Support
54. Garrett Dome	Director of Data and Reporting Systems, BASIS DC PCS
55. Sarah Ozment	Family Support Manager , Mundo Verde PCS
56. Monique Baker	Program Director, Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital
57. Adonis Garcia	CISNCAP Site Coordinator @ Eastern High School, Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital
58. Dominique Moore	Community Organizer, EmpowerED
59. Lyndsay Brown	Chief Strategy Officer, Opportunity Consulting / Opportunity Works
60. Brian Reid, Phd	CISNCAP, Treasurer and Board Member, Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital
61. Mikala Morton	Public Witness
62. John McCormick	Chief Operating Officer, The T.R.I.G.G.E.R. Project
63. Tia Bell	Founder/CEO, The T.R.I.G.G.E.R. Project
64. Caroline Pryor	Director of Policy & Powerbuilding, EmpowerEd
65. Cara Schiavone	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
66. Zack Wilson	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
67. Christina Hanson	DC Educator, EmpowerEd

68. Jordan Daugherty	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
69. Elizabeth Weiss	DC Parent and Former Educator, EmpowerEd
70. Kristen Whitaker	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
71. Ariel Tucker	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
72. Patricia Stamper	Ally, EmpowerEd
73. Lingyu Luo	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
74. Le'Quisha Parker	DC Educator, EmpowerEd
75. Tara Iqbal	Director of SEL, DC Prep
76. Karen Lee	Executive Director, DC, Fifty
77. Christopher Afram	Pathways Coordinator, Ballou STAY, Fifty
78. Dave'on Minor	Student, Ballou STAY, Fifty
79. Serenidi Briggs	Student, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Fifty
80. Terriyah King	Student, Thurgood Marshall Academy, Fifty
81. Cynthia Robbins	Public Witness
82. Erika Harrell	Executive Director, ElectED DC
83. Dr. Jeffrey Grant	CEO, Monument Academy Public Charter School
84. Peter Anderson	Head of Schools/CEO, Washington Latin PCS
85. Gabi Smith	President, Royale Nationwide Ventures
86. Brooke Darby	Public Witness
87. Grace Stevens	Public Witness
88. Iyana Martin	Educator, EmpowerEd
89. Trezell Ragas	CEO. Ragas Consulting

90. Miriam Zuniga	Lower School Office Manager, Capital City Public Charter School
91. Dawn Smith	Parent Leader, PAVE
92. Katrice Turner	Parent Leader, PAVE
93. Quiana Lamons	Parent Leader, PAVE
94. Ashley Ruff	Parent Leader, PAVE
95. Leia Harris	Public Witness
96. Irene Jacobs	Policy Manager, Black Swan Academy
97. Tayo Bell	Deputy Director, School Justice Project

GOVERNMENT WITNESSES

1. Paul Kihn	Deputy Mayor for Education, Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education
2. Dr. Antoinette Mitchell	Superintendent, Office of the State Superintendent of Education
3. Dr. Michelle Walker-Davis	Executive Director, DC Public Charter School Board
4. Dr. Kim Jackson	Chancellor, District of Columbia Public Schools
5. Malcolm Woodland	Director, Superior Court of the District of Columbia- Family Court Social Services Division
6. Ann Reilly	Deputy Director, Child and Family and Services Agency Office of In-Home and Out-of-Home Care
7. Rachel Pierre	Director, Department of Human Services
8. Alicia Washington	Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Public Safety Division, Office of the Attorney General