



DC EMANCIPATION DAY COMMISSION MEETING

Date: March 29, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM – 4:25 PM

Facilitator: Kimberly A. Bassett, OS Conference Line

In Attendance: Kimberly Bassett, Secretary of State and Emily Martin, Executive Assistant to Secretary Bassett

Commissioners in Attendance: Sabrina Thomas, Brenda Walker, Malissa Freese, Mary Ivey

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call/ Welcome
2. Overview of 2021 DC Emancipation Day Events
 - a. Office of the Secretary Sponsored Events
 - b. Community Organization Sponsored Events
3. News from Commissioners

NOTES/ MINUTES:

1. Kimberly Bassett introduced the list of events sponsored by the Office of the Secretary, the Mayor's Executive Office and partner community organizations.
 - a. Emily Martin will follow up with the Commissioners via email with details to participate, links to join and further information.
2. Mary Ivey mentioned the presentation by Frank Smith at the Civil War Museum, where the names of African American soldiers will be read.
 - a. Howard and other HBCU participate annually.
 - i. Kimberly Bassett will follow up on this.
3. Mayor Bowser Presents: Becoming Douglass Commonwealth will be broadcast on Channel 16 and CBS, while all other events will be streamed on WebEx and other virtual platforms.
4. Commissioner Thomas suggested a Go-Go music event to be held for Emancipation Day and referenced Chuck Brown's son's virtual show, honoring Go-Go music.
5. Brenda Walker commended Secretary Bassett on all these plans.
6. Virtual Emancipation Day events sponsored by the Mayor and the DCEDC:
 - a. Jazz & The Struggle for Freedom, Equality and Justice with Professor Herbert Smith, April 1, 2021 – 6:30 PM EST on WebEx
 - b. Triumph of Freedom – The DC Emancipation Story with Historian, C.R. Gibbs, April 6, 2021 – 6:30 PM EST on WebEx

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- c. Reconstruction from 1865-1877 and its Impact Then & Now with Dr. Roger Davidson, April 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM EST on WebEx
- d. The Office of the Secretary Presents: DC Statehood Now with Former Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelley, Shadow Senator Paul Strauss, Charles West Moreland, DC Vote's Bo Shuff & Jamal Holtz of 51 for 51, April 14, 2021 – 6:30 PM EST on WebEx

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Emily will send Commissioners all relevant information, including the links to join all the virtual events planned for the month of April, by email.**
- 2. Commissioners who have access to social media will amplify all of the Office of the Secretary's posts.**