

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia



DC Emancipation Commemoration Commission Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 4th, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Platform: WebEx –

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Facilitator/ Lead: Secretary Kimberly A. Bassett/ Special Assistant (PIO): Joshua Collins

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Call to Order
 - Joshua officially started the meeting at 6:10 PM
2. Determination of Quorum
 - There were 4 of the 7 commissioners present, meaning that Quorum was met
 - Commissioners Hawkins, Nelson, Hackney, and Freese were present.
3. Events for 2024 Emancipation Day Celebration
 - Full Democracy Luncheon, taking place on April 15th at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Joshua provided an overview of dates for EOM Emancipation Activities taking place at Freedom Plaza
 - Parade – Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 PM
 - Concert – Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 PM
 - Fireworks – Sunday, April 14th at 8:30 PM
4. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns
 - Commissioner Fresse mentioned corporate sponsorships playing a role in the concert.
 - Commissioner Nelson mentioned getting the media involved, specifically the radio stations and local news coverage.
 - Commissioner Hackney asked whether there were opportunities for federal agencies to get involved.
5. Next Meeting Date: April 11th, 2024
6. Adjournment

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