

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



DC Emancipation Commemoration Commission Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 14, 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 6:05 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
 - Joshua outlined the upcoming Full Democracy Luncheon, taking place on April 15th at the Washington Convention Center.
 - Commissioners would have a reserved table, potential opportunity for them to participate in the program
 - 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 Hawkins suggested collaborating with a school for a program to bring Emancipation Day to youth
 - Commissioner Nelson mentioned participating in the Reading of the Names with Frank Smith
 - Commissioner Freese mentioned incorporating the libraries, they might have current programming planned, and the Commission could attend an event together.

5. Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

6. Adjournment

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