



**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY COMMISSION**

John A Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 427
Conference Call #: 1-203-480-8311
Participant Code: 3043011
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Secretary Kimberly Bassett.
2. **Roll call:** Completed at 6:05 pm.
3. **Commissioner attendees:**
 - a) In person: No in-person attendees.
 - b) Via phone: Commissioner William Branch, Senior Archivist, Office of Public Records.
4. **OS Staff:**
 - a) Kimberly A. Bassett, Secretary of State of Washington DC.
 - b) Tyler Brown, Public Information Officer.
5. **OS Update. . . .6:09 PM**
 - a) Secretary Bassett moved to update Commissioner Branch about OS needs for event planning and for creative suggestions about what events will be planned.

Community Projects and Events

6. **Emancipation Day 2020 Events. . . .6:11 PM**
 - a) Secretary Bassett invited Commissioner Branch to detail the preliminary plans for the Commission's 2020 series of events. Commissioner Branch provided the following event concepts:
 - 2020 Emancipation Proclamation Viewing and Open House
 - DCPS Education Sessions
 - Civil War vets and Reenactors at DCPS 4th grade classes
 - African American Civil War Museum Emancipation Day Panel Discussion
 - African American History Museum/National Archives Event
 - Potential Church Symposiums

7. 2020 Emancipation Day Parade and Float. . . . 6:20 PM

- a) The Emancipation Day Parade has become a signature Washington, DC event.

Potential Ideas include:

- Creation of a unique Emancipation Day Planning Commission parade float.
- Reenactors march in parade while reading the Emancipation Proclamation out loud.

8. Open Discussion. . . .6:23 PM – 6:37 PM

- a) Secretary Bassett and Emancipation Day holiday commissioners will develop an outline of Emancipation Day 2020 events by February 12, 2020.
- b) Commissioner Branch will share a booklet and documentary that highlight how the DC Emancipation Day holiday and DC home rule are intrinsically connected issues.

9. Upcoming Events. . . .6:38 PM

a) Annual Full Democracy Champions Breakfast

Who: Mayor Muriel Bowser's Office of the Senior Advisor

What: Political leaders and district residents gather to celebrate a significant point in our history, the 158th anniversary of DC Emancipation Day.

When: Friday, April 17, 2020, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Where: Marriot Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001

- 10. Next Meeting Date - To be determined based on schedule availability** meeting will be conducted via conference call.

- 11. Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM by Secretary Kimberly A. Bassett.