

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



**Commission on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 - 6:30PM

Platform: WebEx –

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Facilitator/ Lead: Special Assistant/Public Information Officer Joshua Collins

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Call to Order
  - Joshua Collins opened the call with brief welcome remarks and officially called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM
  
2. Determination of Quorum
  - Commissioners Jessica Tunon, Howard Marks, Mary Ivey, Constance Woody were present. Quorum was met, with 4 out of the 7 commissioners present.
  
3. Office of the Secretary Updates
  - Secretary Bassett welcomed the new commissioners and provided brief remarks about the role of the commission, as well as upcoming events.
    - The Secretary mentioned the 2024 Martin Luther King Jr Parade, which is scheduled for January 15, 2024.
    - The Secretary also mentioned the United Planning Organization Breakfast, which is scheduled for January 12, 2024.
    - There will also be an Office of the Secretary MLK Program, with additional details forthcoming.
  - The Secretary asked the group whether the current meeting time of 6:30 PM on Tuesdays works for everyone.
  - The Commissioners were open to moving the meeting earlier.
  - The Secretary announced that the next meeting will take place at 6:00 PM.
  
4. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns
  - Commissioner Marks mentioned he was honored to be placed on the MLK Commission and offered the theme of Rainbow Coalition to ensure that

residents would be reminded of the multiracial effort that was associated with Dr. King's work.

- Commissioner Woody stated that she was previously involved on the Commission on Aging and looked forward to working with the MLK Commission, however in-person engagements might be challenging for her due to limited mobility.
- Commissioner Ivey suggested the program be centered around cultural connections and food, to bring people out.
- Commissioner Tunon suggested that the event should feature humor, comedy to keep things light.

5. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM