

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 12, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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 6:35 PM
  
2. Determination of Quorum
  - Commissioners Jessica Tunon, Howard Marks, Mary Ivey, Constance Woody, and Dr. Deborah Evans were present. Quorum was met, with 5 out of the 7 commissioners present.
  
3. Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments Official Swearing In
  - Uno Izegbo, Director of the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) and Tiera Williams (MOTA) administered the official oath to all commissioners present and extended congratulatory remarks to the group.
  
4. Office of the Secretary Updates
  - Joshua Collins provided an overview of upcoming Martin Luther King Jr Day Holiday events
    - United Planning Organization Breakfast at the Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center, scheduled for January 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM
    - MLK Wreath Laying at the MLK Memorial, scheduled for January 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM
    - 2024 Martin Luther King Jr Day Peace Walk/Parade, scheduled for January 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

- Office of the Secretary – Office of Public Records MLK Virtual Program, date to be confirmed

- The Secretary provided additional insight about the MLK Virtual Program by mentioning opportunities for the Commissioners to participate by introducing speakers, as well as reading quote excerpts from MLK, or potentially reading a poem or singing a song.
- The Secretary offered that for the events scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>, that the Office of the Secretary would assist commissioners with transportation from one event to the next if needed.

5. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns

- Commissioner Evans committed to attending all the events and also volunteered to introduce one of the speakers at the OS MLK Program.
- Commissioner Tunon stated that she also would be willing to introduce a speaker at the OS MLK Virtual Program.
- Commissioner Ivey volunteered to reach out to Dr. Fred Ware of the Howard University School of Divinity to gauge his availability to participate in the OS MLK Virtual Program.
- Commissioner Marks also committed to attending the MLK programs, depending on his schedule/ongoing commitments with the ANC.

6. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM