

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 19, 2023 - 6:00 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 6:07 PM

2. Determination of Quorum
 - Commissioners Howard Marks, Mary Ivey, and Dr. Deborah Evans were present. Quorum was not met, with 3 out of the 7 commissioners present.

3. 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

4. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns
 - Commissioner Evans asked about parking accommodations for the UPO MLK Breakfast to determine the best travel option.
 - Commissioner Evans also mentioned that she had contacted Duke Ellington

School of the Arts about providing a guest to provide an artistic contribution during the program.

- Joshua reminded the group that the Office of the Secretary would ensure that commissioners are able to travel from the UPO Breakfast to the MLK Wreath Laying.
- Commissioner Ivey stated that her speaker lead for the OS Virtual MLK Program has a time commitment at 6:30 PM on 01/15.
- Commissioner Ivey stated that the former Pastor of 19th Street Baptist Church is facilitating an MLK Program on 01/19 at 6:30 PM; This could potentially be an opportunity for the Commission to partner, if not too late.
- Commissioner Marks also committed to attending the MLK programs, depending on his schedule/ongoing commitments with the ANC.

5. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 PM