

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 19th, 2024 - 6:00PM

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 6:03 PM

2. Determination of Quorum
 - Commissioners Mary Ivey, Howard Marks, Jessica Tunon, Manny Geraldo, and Dr. Deborah Evans were present. Quorum was met, with 5 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 Friday, January 17, 2025 at 8:30 AM
 - 2025 Martin Luther King Jr Day Peace Walk/Parade, scheduled for Saturday, January, 18, 2025
 - MLK Wreath Laying at the MLK Memorial – date TBD
 - Office of the Secretary – Office of Public Records MLK Program, date to be confirmed
 - MLK Commission Service Activity – TBD

4. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns
 - After the events overview, Joshua Collins opened the floor for the Commissioners to share ideas for potential group outings
 - Commissioner Geraldo asked about ways to engage regionally, and work with MD/VA to commemorate the holiday, especially because

MLK was a global figure.

- Commissioner Evans mentioned potentially shifting the wreath laying to a later time of day, to accommodate young people and school.
- Commissioner Tunon asked about partnering with other faith institutions such as Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques.
- Joshua mentioned that the Commission had some vacancies and would send the link out to the Commissioners to distribute to their respective networks and apply.

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