

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



**DC Emancipation Commemoration Commission Meeting**

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Platform: WebEx –

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Facilitator/ Lead: Secretary Kimberly A. Bassett/ Special Assistant (PIO): Joshua Collins

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Call to Order
  - Joshua officially started the meeting at 6:05 PM
2. Determination of Quorum
  - There were 4 of the 7 commissioners present, meaning that Quorum was met
  - Commissioners Hawkins, Nelson, Hackney, and Freese were present.
3. Events for 2024 Emancipation Day Celebration
  - Joshua outlined the upcoming Full Democracy Luncheon, taking place on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Convention Center.
    - Commissioners would have a reserved table, potential opportunity for them to participate in the program.
  - Joshua provided an overview of dates for EOM Emancipation Activities taking place at Freedom Plaza
    - Parade – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM
    - Concert – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM
    - Fireworks – Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM
4. Open Discussion/Questions and Concerns
  - Commissioner Hawkins suggested collaborating with a school for a program to bring Emancipation Day to youth.

- Commissioner Nelson mentioned participating in the Reading of the Names with Frank Smith.
- Commissioner Freese mentioned incorporating the libraries, they might have current programming planned, and the Commission could attend an event together.

5. Next Meeting Date: March 14, 2024

6. Adjournment

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