

Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Responses to Fiscal Year 2019 Performance Oversight Questions

Corwin Knight

Chairman, Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs

Submission to

Committee on Facilities and Procurement

Chairperson Robert White

At-Large Councilmember

February 6, 2020

Committee on Facilities and Procurement

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20004

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. *Please provide the agency's mission statement.*

ANSWER: To serve as an advisory board to the Mayor, the D.C. City Council, and the Director of MORCA on the process, issues, and consequences of the reintegration of returning citizens into the general population.

2. *Please list any statutory mandates that the agency lacks sufficient resources to fully implement.*

ANSWER: At this point, the Commission on Re-Entry and Returning Citizen Affairs (The Commission) does not have any statutory mandates that it lacks sufficient resources to fully implement. Please see D.C. Code 24-1303, Establishment of the Commission on Re-entry and Returning Citizen Affairs.

3. *Please list all reporting requirements in the District of Columbia Code or Municipal Regulations that the agency is required to complete in FY 19 and FY 20, to date. For each requirement, please list the date the report was required and the date it was produced. If the agency did not produce the report on the mandated timeline, please explain why.*

ANSWER: Review and submit to the Mayor, the Council and the MORCA an annual report that shall be submitted to the Mayor and the Council within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, be the subject of a public hearing before the Council, and include:

- A summary of the recommendations of the Commission, including a summary of required monthly meetings pursuant to subsection (b)(7) of this section;
- A budget breakdown, with supporting budget documents, detailing the fiscal implications of the Commission's recommendations;
- Executive branch policy and legislative priorities of the Commission for the following fiscal year; and,
- A summary of community outreach efforts undertaken by members of the Commission.

An Annual Report was due on January 20, 2020; however, the document is still being completed and finalized. There have been transitions in the leadership of MORCA and the membership of the Commission that have substantially influenced the untimeliness of this submission. Once the Annual Report is completed and in final form, it will be transmitted to the Mayor and the D.C. City Council, forthwith.

4. *What are the metrics regularly used by the agency to evaluate its operations? Please be specific about which data points are monitored by the agency.*

ANSWER:

- Amount of attendance and active participation of Commission members in monthly meetings.
- Quantity and quality of outreach efforts to returning citizens, their family members and their supporters.
- Number of goals set and achieved during the fiscal year.

- Number and quality of policy and legislative recommendations made to the Mayor, D.C. City Council, and the Office of Returning Citizens.
- Timeliness of the submission of our required Annual Report.

5. *What are the agency's top five priorities? Please explain how the agency expects to address these priorities in FY 2020.*

- Voting rights for incarcerated persons has been a topic of high interest and activism in the returning citizen community.
- Working to strengthen and promote effective enforcement of "Ban the Box" legislation has been a consistent priority goal for our group.
- Promoting career development opportunities and workforce incentive programs for returning citizens continues to be a major goal.
- Expanding the number of support and other programs available for the children of incarcerated parents, we deem essential.
- Advocating for the return and strengthening of adult education and vocational programming in our local public schools, we regard as a must.

6. *Please describe any initiatives or programs that the agency implemented in FY 19 and FY 20 to date, to improve the internal operations of the agency or the interaction of the agency with outside parties. Please describe the funding required and the results, or expected results of each initiative.*

ANSWER: While we did not implement any new initiatives of our own during this time-frame, we continued to work closely and cooperatively in support of MORCA initiatives and, of course, we supported those initiated by the city agencies who have ex-officio representation in our group.

7. *Please list all pending lawsuits that name the agency as a party. Identify which cases on the list are lawsuits that potentially expose the District to financial liability or will result in a change in agency practices and describe the current status of the litigation. Please provide the extent of each claim, regardless of its likelihood of success.*

ANSWER: The Commission has no pending lawsuits.

8. *Please list all settlements entered into by the agency or by the District on behalf of the agency in FY 19 or FY 20, to date, and provide the parties' names, the amount of the settlement, and if related to the litigation, the case name and a brief description of the case. If unrelated to litigation, please describe the underlying issue or reason for the settlement (e.g., administrative complaint, etc.).*

ANSWER: The Commission has not entered into any settlements.

9. *Please provide the number of FOIA requests for FY 19, and FY 20, to date, that were submitted to your agency. Include the number granted, partially granted, denied and pending. In addition, please provide the average response time, the estimated number of FTEs required to process*

requests, the estimated number of hours spent responding to these requests, and the cost of compliance.

ANSWER: The Commission has not had any FOIA requests.

10. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on the agency or any employee of the agency that were completed during FY 19 and FY 20, to date.

ANSWER: The Commission has no ongoing investigations, audits, etc.

11. Please provide a list of all studies, research papers, reports, and analyses that the agency prepared or funded during FY 19 and FY 20, to date. Please submit a hard copy to the Committee of any study, research paper, report, or analysis that is complete.

ANSWER: The Commission did not have any reports, studies, or research papers prepared in FY 19 and FY 20.

12. Please provide a current list of all voting members of the Commission, including their date of confirmation, the date their term expires, the Ward in which they reside, and the number of meetings attended by each since they were appointed:

Last Name	First Name	Appointment Status	Term End Date	Ward	Seat Designation
Berry	James	Active	8/4/2020	4	Public Member
Fields	Leon	Active	8/4/2020	4	Public Member
Johnson	Clarence	Active	Recent Re-appointee	8	Public Member
Knight	Corwin	Active	Recent Re-appointee	8	Public Member
Jarvis	Richard	Active	New Appointee	5	Public Member
Matthews	John "Peterbug"	Active	8/4/2021	6	Public Member
Moon	Larry	Active	8/4/2020	7	Public Member
Thompson	Paula	Active	Recent Re-appointee	Maryland Resident	Public Member
Washington	Decarlo	Active	1/2/2023	7	Public Member

Last Name	First Name	Appointment Status	Term End Date	Ward	Seat Designation
Murden	Tanisha	Expired Term	8/4/2019	8	Public Member
Porter	Nicole	Expired Term	8/4/2019	4	Public Member
Weaver	Eric	Expired Term	8/4/2019	8	Public Member

13. Please describe how the Commission is working with the Office on Returning Citizen Affairs and the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments to fill the current vacancies on the Commission.

ANSWER: At the time of this writing, the Commission is seeking the assistance of the MORCA and the Office of Talent and Appointments to fill our current vacancies.

14. For each voting member of the Commission, please list whether the member is (a) a returning citizen; (b) a representative from an established District-based public, private, nonprofit, or volunteer community organization involved with the provision of services for returning citizens, the incarcerated, and their families; or, (c) a member of a group, organization, or service provider that focuses on the needs of female returning citizens.

ANSWER: Of the 9 active commissioners, (?) are returning citizens and (?) are a part of an established district-based public, private, nonprofit, or volunteer community organization involved with the provision of services for returning citizens.

15. Please provide, for each ex-officio, non-voting member of the Commission, the number of meetings the ex-officio, or their designee, has attended in FY 19 and FY 20, to date.

ANSWER: The following are the agency heads who are ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission. In fairness to them, we did not have a targeted outreach plan to get them involved in our meetings during the past fiscal year. However, we have devised a strategy to get them involved in our meetings and our work for FY 2020, -- a plan that includes our active collaboration with MORCA as well as the Executive Office of the Mayor.

Ex-officio, non-voting members from the following D.C. Government agencies (24-1303 (b)(1):

(A) Attorney General: **Karl Racine, Esq.**

(B) Director of the Department of Human Services: **Laura Zeilinger**

(C) Director of the Department of Health: **LaQuandra S. Nesbitt MD, MPH**

(D) Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development: **Polly Donaldson, Director**

(E) Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs: **Ernest Chrappah**

(F) Superintendent of Education of the District of Columbia: **Hanseul Kang**

- (G) President of the University of the District of Columbia: **Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D.**
- (H) Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department: **Peter Newsham**
- (I) Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services: **Clinton Lacey**
- (J) Director of the Department of Employment Services: **Dr. Unique N. Morris-Hughes**
- (K) Director of the Office of Human Rights: **Mónica Palacio**
- (L) Director of the Department of Behavioral Health: **Barbara J. Bazron, PhD**; and,
- (M) Director of the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration, or the administrative head of the agency or the successor agency within the Department of Health responsible for administering substance abuse prevention and treatment services: **Barbara J. Bazron, PhD**

16. *Please describe how the Commission worked with the District government to increase participation from ex-officio members in FY 19. Which ex-officio members are most critical to the Commission meeting its goals.*

ANSWER: See answer 15 for the first question. All ex-officio members are essential to the success of the Commission, in as much as the mission of their respective organizations squarely impacts the community that we exist to serve and support in a very significant way.

17. *For every meeting of the Commission in FY 19 and FY 20, to date, please provide the agenda, the minutes, a listing of all voting and ex-officio members in attendance, and whether a quorum was present.*

ANSWER: See attached.

18. *Please provide any rules of procedure that have been adopted by the Commission.*

ANSWER: See Rules of Procedure Attached.

19. *Please list any public hearings or community meetings on returning citizen issues attended by voting Commissioners in FY 19, or FY 20, to date.*

ANSWER: The following is but a sample of the variety of hearings, community meetings and other activities that voting Commissioners attended, co-sponsored or were otherwise actively involved in FY 2019:

2/19/2019	Performance Oversight Hearing
3/5/2019	Day of Empathy
4/13/2019	Don't Mute DC Event
5/19/2019	Indigenous Event
6/4/2019	Restore the Vote Press Release
7/27/2019	Reentry Day Family Cookout
8/8/2019	GoGo For Justice 2.0

12/14/2019	5 th Annual Socks and Underwear Drive
1/9/2020	DOC Think Like an Entrepreneur Event
1/17/2020	DOC RSAT Men's Graduation

20. Please provide the Commission's 2019 annual report, pursuant to D.C. Code 24-1303. If the report is not available, when does the Commission expect to submit its report to the Council?

ANSWER: It is anticipated that our annual report will be ready for submission to the Council by the end of the month. For additional details, see Answer 3.

21. Please provide any policy recommendations made by the Commission on legislation, regulations, policies, and programs affecting returning citizens in FY 19, or FY 20, to date.

ANSWER: Commission Recommendation(s)

To sponsor a Citywide Reentry Summit that will focus attention on the stabilization needs of returning citizens as well as encourage the active involvement of public and private sector towards the goal of developing programs and other opportunities to meet these needs.

To expand the number of quality programs for returning citizens in the following critical areas of need: Employment, Education and Training, Housing, Family Reunification, and Mental Health.

To promote dialogue and unity within the returning citizen community regarding public policy and legislative issues that impact re-entry success.

To develop and fund an initiative that promotes and supports the existence of peer support and advocacy groups for reentrants in D.C.

To develop and fund an initiative intended to respond to the emotional and other needs of children who have a parent/parents who is/are incarcerated.

To strengthen the efforts of the D.C. Office of Human Rights to hold landlords accountable at times when returning citizens are discriminated against in the housing market.

To coordinate an arrangement between the D.C. Department of Corrections and the U.S. Bureau of Prisons that allows returning citizens to receive transitional job-readiness and placement assistance as they exit the federal prison system.

To establish a "Task Force" of business persons/entrepreneurs who are charged with the responsibility of developing a strategy and plan of action to educate/train returning citizens for the abundant number of "Coding" positions that are currently available to those who possess the relevant Information Technology (IT) expertise in the DMV.

22. In the FY 20 budget, the Council provided \$10,000 to the Commission to support its goals and activities. Please explain how the Commission plans to use those funds for FY 20.

ANSWER: At this point, the Commission expects to use the funds to meet certain basic organizational and operational needs that will facilitate its work and outreach to the D.C. community. A brief summary of those needs are currently contemplated as follows:

Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizens' Affairs

Office Space

Office Supplies: Paper, Pens, etc.

Computer

Printer

Fax

Stationery

Telephone

(1) Hold Commission Retreat: To further develop and refine strategic plan and goals for FY 2020.

- a) Trainer/Facilitator
- b) Location
- c) Supplies: Pens, markers, flip charts, paper, and the like
- d) Very modest refreshments: Water, pastries, etc.

Technical Assistance and Support: Provided by the D.C. Government

(2) Host Community Forums and Events

- a) Public Hearing on the amount and quality of Reentry Services available to returning citizens in DC
- b) Voting Rights for BOP Residents
- c) Strengthening DC's "Ban the Box" Legislation
- d) Workforce Development Opportunities for Returning Citizens
- e) Expanded Adult Education and Vocational Training Programs in DC
- f) Services for the Children of Incarcerated Parents
- g) Restorative Justice – A productive approach to conflict resolution and building peace in DC neighborhoods
- h) GoGo to Vote event for Restore the Vote Legislation Bill.

(3) Lend modest support to promising or evidence-based peer support and possibly youth initiatives that impact the lives of returning citizens.

23. *Please describe the Commission's achievements in FY 19 and FY 20, to date.*

Answer: The Commission continued to lend considerable support to the Office of Returning Citizens Affairs during FY 2019; it made a concerted effort to extend its outreach to the returning citizen community in DC; it absorbed the loss of a significant number of members

whose terms expired; and, it remained a viable and effective partner with the MORCA as it underwent significant changes in its executive leadership.

24. *Please describe any challenges that the Commission has that is impacting its ability to meet its goals.*

ANSWER: Like many Boards and Commissions, maintaining an active, engaged cadre of members tends to be a challenge. However, we are optimistic about FY 2020 and expect to turn the corner on problems of this kind.

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Agency	Commission	Meeting Dates for FY19 September 2019-January 2020	Proposed Events and Month (Other than regular meetings)	Proposed Projects or Incentives
MORCA	Commission on Re-entry and Returning Citizen Affairs	Thursday, January 3, 2019 Thursday, February 7, 2019 Thursday, March 7, 2019 Thursday, April 4, 2019 Thursday, May 2, 2019 Thursday, June 6, 2019 Thursday, July 11, 2019 (first Thursday falls on a holiday) Thursday, August 1, 2019 Thursday, September 5, 2019 Thursday, October 3, 2019 Thursday, November 7, 2019 Thursday, December 5, 2019 Thursday, January 2, 2020	* Commission Retreat, May 2020 *Host a GoGo to Vote Event April 2020 *Back to School Drive in Ward 7 and Ward 8, August 2020	*Host at least 4 empowerment expos in the community. *Host at least 4 empowerment workshops at the DC Department of Corrections.

New Years

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning
Citizen Affairs**

Invites you to the monthly commission meeting

Thursday February 7, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 2100 Martin Luther King Ave. S.E

(1st Floor Conference Room)

Washington D.C. 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening – Call to Order***
- II. Introduction of New Commissioners***
- III. FY18 Annual Report***
- IV. Highlight 3 initiatives the Commission wants to accomplish in FY19.***
- V. 5 initiatives ideas***
- VI. Adjournment 7:30PM/8:00PM***

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Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen Affairs

February 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes Summary

(2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commissioner

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Corwin Knight (Chairman)
Nicole Porter (Commission)
Clarence Johnson (Commission)
Tanisha Murden (Commission)
James Berry (Commission)
DeCarlo Washington (ex-officio member)
Brian Ferguson (ex-officio member)
Larry Moon (Commission-pending confirmation)
John Matthews (Commission-pending confirmation)
Shawn Hilgendorf (CM R. White representative)
Dexter Williams (CM R. White representative)
Gloria Martinez (MORCA representative)
Lashaun Quander-Mosley (public member)
Latasha Ward (public member)

III. Introduction of New Commissioners

- 1) Larry Moon and John "Peterbug" Matthews

IV. FY18 Annual Report

- 1) Chairman Knight mentioned that FY18 Annual Report was due on Jan 19th but it is still in the process of being revised. It will be finalized no later than March 1st.

V. Highlight 3 initiatives the Commission wants to accomplish in FY19

- 1) Mr. John Matthews stressed the need to build on current partnerships and strengthen them. He believes that there are many

industrial opportunities, electrical work, sew and cook.

- 2) Commissioner Porter mentioned suggested putting policy into play. Expand voting rights to those that are incarcerated with a felony. She mentions Vermont and Maine are the only states to provide incarcerated individuals the ability to vote. A handful of states are introducing similar legislation.
- 3) Chairman Knight suggested possibly working through individuals being wards of the states (where they are incarcerated). Those individuals are being counted in the census of those states instead of DC. Commissioner Porter thinks that this could be tied to voting representation policy.
- 4) Chairman Knight wants to introduce how we can hold private companies more accountable to enforcing ban the box. Policy wise it's something that the commission should try and strengthen. Commissioner Porter asked if there are any reporting requirements as it pertains to ban the box. Director Ferguson stated that there is a report that is generated of the number of claims and the results of each claim. Director Ferguson explained the financial implications of ban the box. These implications result from employers either verbally and/or written asking about someone's background.
- 5) Commissioner Porter suggested that these are questions that should be posed to council during OHR's oversight hearings.
- 6) Commissioner Berry suggested that board of education, DC public schools, and Chancellor (if possible) to come to the next meeting and discuss vocational trainings at the schools and also identifying the children with incarcerated parents.
 - Director Ferguson suggested that DCPS and Charter schools need to ask the question initially to identify the children with incarcerated parents. This will allow the commission to identify the services that are available for these children.
 - Director Ferguson also suggested if there is a possibility to have parents that are incarcerated access or have access to the progress report of their child. This would allow for the parents to be available for the children and to keep fostering a sense of family even if the parent is far away.
- 7) Mr. Moon, suggested that the commission should target individuals that need family connections. Suggested Family day where individuals can be provided with resources to help with reunification and healing.
- 8) Commissioner Murden mentioned that work is being done in Ballou High School dealing with restorative justice. Healing circles and how this will allow for them to be better served.
- 9) Mr. Hilgendorf chimed in and mentioned that the oversight hearing for OHR will be February 28th at 2pm and that they were under the Committee of Government Operations.
- 10) Ex-officio member Washington, brought up the need to look deeper into first source law. WIP (workforce incentive program) would have returning citizens working and DGS would be one of the biggest employers if we could get them to hire returning citizens to work in

the construction site and other areas that would require manual labor since they handle all the building for district government.

- Commissioner Porter asks if there is a possibility to have set asides in the government for returning citizens to work in district government. Commissioner Murden wants the probationary period to be extended or secured to state that individuals HAVE to stay on the job for over a year. This would eliminate the notion that returning citizens are dismissed after 120 days to avoid any repercussion. Commissioner Berry stated that possibly there should be a retention requirement not just a hiring requirement.

- 11) Commissioner Porter wants to find individuals that can help move these agenda items further and invite them to the next meeting. In particular those ex-officio members whose agencies directly impact the changes that are being proposed.
- 12) Chairman Knight recaps the initiatives that the commission will focus on the remainder of the fiscal year- voting rights/absentee voting; ban the box; workforce incentive; children with incarcerated parents and lastly dcps (vocational training).
- 13) Several commissioners expressed interest in testifying at the different hearings that are scheduled.

VI. Adjournment at 7:55pm

Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen Affairs

March 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes Summary

(2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commission Chairman

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Corwin Knight (Chairman)

Paula Thompson (Commission)

Larry Moon (Commission)

DeCarlo Washington (Ex-Oficio Member)

Brian Ferguson (Ex-Oficio Member-MORCA)

Jordana Cunningham (Public-US Parole)

John Matthews (Commission)

Dexter Williams (Public-CM R. White Office)

Pat Marks (Public-Rethink Justice Coalition)

III. No Quorum Established

IV. Adjournment

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning
Citizen Affairs**

Invites you to the monthly commission meeting

Thursday March 7, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 2100 Martin Luther King Ave. S.E

(1st Floor Conference Room)

Washington D.C. 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening – Call to Order**
- II. Debrief of Oversight Hearing**
- III. Suggestions on stabilizing Commission**
- IV. Strategies for Initiatives**
- V. Guests:**
 - **Mayor's Office of East of the River Services**
 - **Rethink Justice Coalition**
- VI. Adjournment 7:30PM/8:00PM**

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning
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Invites you to the monthly commission meeting

Thursday April 4, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 2100 Martin Luther King Ave. S.E

(1st Floor Conference Room)

Washington D.C. 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening – Call to Order***
- II. 2018 Annual Report***
- III. Community Forum Discussion***
- IV. Strategic Plan***
- V. Goals for 2019***
- VI. Adjournment 7:30PM/8:00PM***

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Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen Affairs

April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes Summary

(2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commission Chairman

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Corwin Knight (Chairman)

Paula Thompson (Commission)

Larry Moon (Commission)

James Berry (Commission)

Brian Ferguson (Ex-Oficio Member-MORCA)

John Matthews (Commission)

Dexter Williams (Public-CM R. White Office)

III. No Quorum Established

IV. Adjournment

Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen Affairs

May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes Summary

(2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commission Chairman

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Corwin Knight (Chairman)

Tanisha Murden (Commission)

Clarence Johnson (Commission)

Larry Moon (Commission)

James Berry (Commission)

Brian Ferguson (Ex-Oficio Member-MORCA)

Nicole Porter (Commission)

Eric Weaver (Commission)

Dexter Williams (Public-CM R. White Office)

III. No Quorum Established

IV. Adjournment

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning
Citizen Affairs**

Invites you to the monthly commission meeting

Thursday May 9, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 2100 Martin Luther King Ave. S.E

(1st Floor Conference Room)

Washington D.C. 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening – Call to Order***
- II. Dexter Williams (CM R.White's Office)***
- III. New Location for Commission Meetings***
- IV. Ban the Box (improvement suggestions)***
- V. Commission Event (tentative date July 4th)***
- VI. Finalize Annual Report***
- VII. Adjournment 7:30PM/8:00PM***

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning
Citizen Affairs**

Invites you to the monthly commission meeting

Thursday June 6, 2019

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: 2375 Elvans Rd SE.

(Martha's Table Headquarters)

Washington D.C. 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening – Call to Order***
- II. Dexter Williams (CM R.White's Office)***
- III. Commission event on June 26th***
- IV. Completion of Annual Report***
- V. Adjournment 7:30PM/8:00PM***

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**Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizen
Affairs**

October 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes Summary

(2375 Elvans Road SE)

I. Opening - Call to order by Commission Chairman

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Corwin Knight (Chairman)

Eric Weaver (Commission)

Paula Thompson (Commission)

Gloria Martinez (Director of Operations, MORCA)

III. No Quorum Established

IV. Adjournment



Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizens Affairs

Monthly Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday November 7, 2019

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Commons at Martha's Table, 2375 Elvans Road SE Washington DC 20020

Agenda

- I. Opening- Call to Order
6:45 Chairman Corwin Knight called the meeting into order
Commissioners in attendance are as follow
Corwin Knight
Nicole Porter
Leon Fields
Clarence Johnson
James Barry

- II. Introduction of MORCA new leadership team
Introduction by MORCA Acting Director Carey, Mr. Carey spoke about continuing Mayor's Bowser's vision of providing high quality services for the returning citizens population.

- III. Restore the Vote next steps
Chairman Knight led a robust discussion with Commissioners and other meeting attendees around the propose DC Council legislation "Restore the Vote" which will allow DC residents incarcerated in Federal Prison to vote in local DC elections.



IV. New Commissioners

Chairman Corwin Knight announced that the Commission on Re-entry and Returning Citizens Affairs are currently seeking new commissioners. Chairman Knight encouraged attendees to visit MOTA website mota.dc.gov, to learn more about the commission and how to apply.

V. Yearly Report

Commissioner James Barry stated that the yearly report is still being compiled.

VI. Questions and Comments

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



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VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



Commission on Reentry and Returning Citizens Affairs

Monthly Commission Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday December 5, 2019

Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Commons at Martha's Table, 2375 Elvans Road SE Washington DC
20020

Agenda:

- Introduction of New Commissioners
- Restore the Vote updates
- Upcoming New Initiatives
- Commission Yearly Report