

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**PR 23-694, "Commission on the Arts and Humanities Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan
Confirmation Resolution of 2020"**

on

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
(or immediately following preceding hearing)
Hearing Room 123, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of Whole on PR 23-694, "Commission on the Arts and Humanities Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan Confirmation Resolution of 2020." The hearing will be held **Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 3:30 p.m.** (or immediately following the preceding hearing) in **Hearing Room 123** of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

The stated purpose of **PR 23-694** is to confirm the appointment of Dr. Heran Sereke-Brhan as the Executive Director of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Dr. Sereke-Brhan has been nominated by the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. The Commission is an independent body that consists of 18 members. Its role is to evaluate and initiate action on matters relating to the arts and humanities and to encourage programs and the development of programs which promote progress in the arts and humanities. Dr. Sereke-Brhan has been serving in an acting capacity since October 2019.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at cow@dccouncil.us, or call Evan Cash at (202) 724-7002, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Friday, April 3, 2020**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled.

Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on April 3, 2020 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council's office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>, 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2020.