

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



**Responses to Fiscal Year 2020 Performance Oversight Questions**

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Transgender, and Questioning Affairs*

***Submission to***

*Committee on Government Operations and Facilities*

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*At-Large Councilmember*

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*Committee on Government Operations and Facilities*

*John A. Wilson Building*

*1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW*

*Washington, DC 20004*

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

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

Answer: The mission of the Advisory Committee is to promote the welfare of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community and assist the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs in its mission.

**2. Please list all reporting requirements in the District of Columbia Code or Municipal Regulations that the agency is required to complete in FY 20 and FY 21, 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: There are no reporting requirements for the Advisory Committee.

**3. What are the agency's top five priorities? Please explain how the agency expects to address these priorities in FY 21.**

Answer:

The Advisory Committee's top five priorities are to support those of MOLGBTQA which are as follows:

- a. Housing: Through a partnership with the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), MOLGBTQA provides housing vouchers to LGBTQ seniors of the District who are unstably housed.
- b. Employment: Through a funded program by Byte Back, MOLGBTQA will begin to address disparities in employment with the transgender and non-binary community. This program offers several tracks to increase professional skill sets and ultimately prepare residents for careers in IT and administration. In addition, we have been key advisors for the Department of Human Services' creation and rollout of their newly funded Workforce Development Program for Transgender, Non-Binary and Gender Non-Conforming Youth (TGNC). This program engages youth 18 to 24 experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Along with job readiness training, the workforce development program will provide wraparound services to support the needs of youth through the program's duration.
- c. Discrimination: LGBTQ residents are disproportionately impacted by discrimination. As a result, MOLGBTQA works closely with the Office of Human Rights (OHR) to ensure the eradication of LGBTQ discrimination, and promote fairness and equality in key areas that impact their quality of life: employment, education and housing for LGBTQ residents, a protected class in the District.

- d. Public Safety: MOLGBTQA meets monthly to share information regarding hate crimes from the Metropolitan Police Department's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Liaison Unit (LGBTLU) to community organizations that provide victim services. These meetings focus on preventing crimes and disrupting crime patterns that target LGBTQ residents. In FY20, these meetings focused primarily on hate-bias crimes against residents who are transgender women of color. MOLGBTQA continues to focus on the safety of all LGBTQ residents. This monthly information session works to ensure that hate crimes are addressed appropriately by the law and LGBTQ safety and security is prioritized.
- e. Health Disparities: MOLGBTQA continues to address health disparities within the LGBTQ community for members of all ages and identities. This priority engages DC Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Behavioral Health, and local community health providers to address the physical, emotional and mental health needs of the District's LGBTQ residents.

**4. Please describe any new initiatives or programs that the agency implemented in FY 20 and FY 21, to date, to improve the operations of the agency. Please describe any funding utilized for these initiative or program and the results, or expected results, of each initiative.**

Answer:

- a. The Advisory Committee began no new initiatives or programs in FY20 or FY21.

**5. 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 Advisory Committee has no pending lawsuits that name the agency as a party.

**6. Please list all settlements entered into by the agency or by the District on behalf of the agency in FY 20 or FY 21, to date, and provide the parties' names, the amount of the settlement, and if related to 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 Advisory Committee has entered into no settlements.

**7. Please provide the number of FOIA requests for FY 20, and FY 21, 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 estimate number of FTEs required to process requests, the estimated number of hours spend responding to these requests, and the cost of compliance.**

Answer: The Advisory Committee has no FOIA requests for FY20, and FY21, to date.

**8. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on the agency or any employee of the agency that were completed during FY 20 and FY 21, to date.**

Answer: The Advisory Committee has no ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on the agency or any employee of the agency that were completed during FY20, and FY21, to date.

**9. Please provide a list of all studies, research papers, reports, and analyses that the agency prepared or funded during FY 20 and FY 21, to date. Please submit a hard copy to the Committee of any study, research paper, report, or analysis that is complete.**

Answer: The Advisory Committee has no studies, research papers, reports, and analyses that the agency has prepared or funded during FY20 and FY21, to date.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICE OF LGBTQ AFFAIRS

**10. Please provide a current list of all members of the Advisory Committee, including:**

- a. The date of their first meeting as a member;**
- b. The date they assumed any Advisory Committee leadership positions or subcommittee memberships held in FY 20, or FY 21 to date;**
- c. The number of meetings they have attended as an Advisory Committee member;**
- d. The Ward in which they reside; and**
- e. A brief description of any ways in which their membership helps satisfy the mandate at D.C. Code § 2–1382(b) that the Advisory Committee “include, at a minimum, representation from the [LGBTQ] community organizations representing health, social service, religious, and human rights issues” and “be representative of the diversity in the community with regard to socioeconomic status, religion, race, ethnicity, gender identification, age, and families.”**

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Last Name	First Name	Date of 1st Meeting	Assumed Leadership Positions	Number of Meetings Attended in FY20 and FY21	Ward
Boese	Kent	9/15/20		2	Ward 2
Fortner	Peter	9/15/20		2	
Gruberg	Sharita	9/15/20	Co-Chair; June 2020	2	
Karas	Barry			1	Ward 2

Luckey	Desiree'	9/15/20	Secretary; June 2020	2	
Nartowicz	Nikolas	9/15/20		2	
Parkerson	Michelle	2/27/20		2	Ward 6
Quartey	Nii-Quartelai	9/15/20	Chair; June 2020	2	
Schraeder	Christopher	9/15/20		2	
Supreme	Yaani			0	Ward 8
Tinsley	Devon			0	
Wade	Aaron	9/15/20		2	Ward 5
White	Jordyn	9/15/20		2	

*e.* We are very proud of the breadth of knowledge our Advisory Committee brings to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs. In accordance with D.C, Code 2-1382(b), our Committee includes representatives from the mandated fields and represents wide diversity in the community with regard to socioeconomic status, religion, race, ethnicity, gender identification, age, and families. Our committee includes:

- Clergy that keeps us connected to the faith community and their needs
- Seniors that make sure we do not forget their issues
- Transgender individuals that educate us on their unique needs and concerns
- Young people that bring a fresh perspective
- Artists that offer creative and innovative solutions to problems
- Community Leaders and key stakeholders that advise and take information from the Mayor's Office back to their respective organizations; and
- Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners that offer insights and recommendations from their constituents.

**11. Are there any deficits in the Advisory Committee's expertise, diversity, or resources that may be impeding its ability to fulfill its mission? If so, how will the Advisory Committee address such deficits in FY 21?**

Answer: There are no deficits in the Advisory Committee's expertise, diversity, or resources that may impede its ability to fulfill its mission.

**12. Please provide any rules of procedure that have been adopted by the Advisory Committee.**

Answer: There are no rules of procedure that have been adopted by the Advisory Committee.

**13. For each meeting of the Advisory Committee in FY 20, and FY 21 to date, please provide the agenda and minutes.**

- [February 27, 2020 - Agenda](#)
- [February 27, 2020 - Minutes](#)
- [September 15, 2020 - Agenda](#)
- [September 15, 2020 - Minutes](#)

**14. Please provide any current recommendations of the Advisory Committee on issues relating to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community.**

Answer: The Advisory Committee recommends the Council continue to support and advance the work of MOLGBTQA. LGBTQ residents of the District continue to need assistance in many areas, specifically, employment, housing, health, public safety, and discrimination.

**15. D.C. Code § 2-1383(b)(7) directs the Office of LGBTQ Affairs to “Accept volunteer services and funds from the public and private sectors to supplement the budget in carrying out the planning duties and responsibilities of the Office.”**

**a. Has the Advisory Committee helped facilitate any such services and funds in FY 20, or FY 21 to date? What made these efforts successful?**

Answer: The Advisory Committee did not facilitate any such services or funds to supplement the budget in carrying out the planned duties and responsibilities of the Office.

**b. Please briefly describe the Committee’s plans in this area for FY 21.**

Answer: We don’t have any plans to use private funds at this time, but with regard to public funds, to the extent that we can channel the community voice and perspective in ways that are helpful to the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs, we intend to do that.

**16. Please briefly describe any other significant activities that the Advisory Committee undertook in FY 20 or FY 21 to date.**

Answer: During the FY20 and FY21, to date, the Advisory Committee undertook no activities outside of its normal operations which include 2 meetings annual and serving as a resource for the MOLGBTQA.