

**Commission on Human Rights
FY20-21 Performance Oversight Questions
Committee on Government Operations
Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. (At-Large), Chair**

ATTACHMENT A
Response to Question #10 - 2 pages

Question #10. The Commission on Human Rights holds bi-monthly public meetings on the second Wednesday, every other month. In FY 20 to present, 7 meetings have been held. By statute, the Commission consists of 15 Commissioners. Currently, there are 10 Commissioners and 5 vacancies.

| Commissioner | Appointed | 1 st Meeting | Total Meetings | Tribunals | Positions |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|---|
| Brian Griffey Ward 2 | 11/16/2020 | 11/18/2020 | 2 | 0 | Neil Alexander Committee |
| Teri J. Quinn Ward 5 | 03/03/2020 | 3/11/2020 | 4 | 2 | |
| Timothy Thomas Ward 5 | 12/20/2016 03/03/2020 | N/A | 6 | 3 | |
| Anika Simpson Ward 4 | 12/5/2017 | 1/10/2018 | 5 | 2 | Secretary - current |
| John Robinson Ward 4 | 06/05/2012 05/05/2013 12/19/2019 | N/A | 4 | 1 | |
| Karen Mulhauser Ward 6 | 11/13/2015 03/02/2017 03/03/2020 | N/A | 6 | 1 | Neil Alexander Committee |
| Adam Maier Ward 6 | 12/5/2017 | 3/4/2018 | 7 | 2 | Neil Alexander Committee |
| Eleanor Collinson Ward 3 | 07/11/2017 12/18/2018 | 7/12/2017 | 6 | 2 | Vice Chair - current Secretary Neil Alexander Committee |
| Motoko Aizawa Ward 3 | 06/26/2014 05/02/2017 03/03/2020 | N/A | 6 | 4 | Chair – current Vice Chair Neil Alexander Committee |
| Wynter Allen Ward 6 | 12/07/2017 | 1/10/2018 | 7 | 2 | |
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ATTACHMENT B
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Brian Griffey



Brian Griffey is the lead researcher and advisor for the USA for Amnesty International, based in Washington, DC. From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Griffey served as a Human Rights Advisor at the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Previously, he worked for the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine; the OSCE Mission in Kosovo; the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Nepal; Human Rights Watch; Amnesty International USA; and as a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme, non-governmental organizations, and university human rights centers. He has also worked as a journalist at Mother Jones Magazine, San Francisco Magazine, The Portland Mercury, and other periodicals.

Mr. Griffey's publications include public reports and legal opinions on human rights for international organizations, as well as commentaries in the news media, and contributions to leading academic journals and books on international human rights law.

A Ward 2 resident, Mr. Griffey received an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, and a B.A. in History and Social Sciences from Reed College.





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Eleanor Collinson



Eleanor Collinson is currently the Chief Program Officer at United Cerebral Palsy.

As an experienced human rights advocate, Ms. Collinson has worked on human rights issues in a number of leadership roles in both large and small organizations. Early in her career, she worked with the City of Colorado Springs to enact policy in support of same-sex city employees and advancing a human rights ordinance that included gender identity and sexual orientation. Before moving to Washington, Ms. Collinson ran a community-based organization in Southern Colorado focused on civil rights and religious freedom and affirmative action policies. She has advised state legislators across the country as State Legislative Programs Manager at People for the American Way, and also worked in higher education fundraising.

In her current role as Chief Program Officer, Eleanor is responsible for advancing the organization's mission through strategic communications, public policy, and public education campaigns. Ms. Collinson also co-produced the March on Washington Film Festival, and organized multiple advanced screenings of documentary films addressing social justice topics including Academy-Award Winning INOCENTE, and the Academy-Award Nominated WHICH WAY HOME. Ellie's client's work has been featured in the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Roll Call*, *The Hill*, NPR, and CNN.

A Ward 3 resident, Ms. Collinson received a Bachelor of Arts from Colorado University and a Master in Public Administration from the University of Colorado.





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Teri Quinn



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Ms. Quinn was a Mayoral appointee on the Mayor's Task Force on the Prevention of Flooding in the Bloomingdale Area. On the Task Force she worked with the directors of nine agencies, the City Administrator and the DC Water's General Manager to determine the cause of the flooding and to propose short, mid and long-term solutions. The Task Force recommended and the District agreed to escalate major infrastructure improvements to protect public health and safety by dramatically reducing recurring local flooding in the Bloomingdale and LeDroit Park neighborhoods. Ms. Quinn was a constant advocate on behalf of Bloomingdale residents throughout the planning and construction processes.

A Ward 5 resident, Ms. Quinn is a practicing attorney in the District. She spent a substantial part of her career practicing energy law at White & Case, LLP. Her practice is now primarily focused on local regulatory and business matters. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Texas Southern University where she not only excelled academically, but also as a nationally and internationally ranked debater and orator on the world-renowned Texas Southern University Debate Team. She achieved prominence as a debater landing honors in Lisbon, Portugal and Rome, Italy. Ms. Quinn received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the esteemed Howard University School of Law.





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Motoko Aizawa



Motoko Aizawa is an Advisor to the Sustainable Development Network at the World Bank and is currently a member of the District of Columbia Commission on Human Rights.

Motoko Aizawa is an expert on environmental, social, and governance dimensions of sustainability, as well as policy initiatives to help governments and companies improve their sustainability performance, particularly in the financial extractives sectors.

She is the principal author of the 2006 IFC Performance Standards, and the human rights provisions in the 2012 version of these standards. Until recently, Ms. Aizawa led efforts by the World Bank to update its Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies.

A Ward 3 resident, Ms. Aizawa received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the Hamilton College, and a Master of Laws in Public and Private International Law from the University of London.





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Karen Mulhauser



Ms. Karen Mulhauser is the President of Mulhauser and Associates.

Mulhauser has been providing consulting services to nonprofit organizations, grant makers, and candidates since 1988. In addition to effective consulting services, she brings many years of experience as CEO of three national nonprofits and as a board member of over 35 non-profit organizations. Karen served as the Executive Director of NARAL in the 1970s and was Chair of the Planned Parenthood Metropolitan Washington Board of Directors in the 1980s. While at NARAL, she helped increase membership from 7,000 to almost 140,000 as well as increase the budget from a few hundred thousand dollars to over 4 million dollars. Additionally, Karen served as Senior Advisor in the Obama for America campaign from 2007-2008. Most recently,

Karen became involved in efforts to advance gender equality and advocate for survivors of sexual assault.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Karen Mulhauser received a Bachelor of Arts from Antioch College.





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Dr. John D. Robinson



Dr. John D. Robinson, a recently retired psychologist and Professor of Psychiatry and Surgery at Howard University College of Medicine is a current member of the Human Rights Commission.

Dr. Robinson has a long and distinguished career as an educator, mentor and leader. A trailblazer, in 1973, he became the first African-American psychologist in the U.S. Air Force, and, in 1975, the first African-American psychologist in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Robinson is a recipient of the Stanley Sue Award for Distinguished Contributions to Diversity in Clinical Psychology from the American Psychological Association and the Joseph Matarrazo Award for Distinguished Service and Contributions to Clinical Health Psychology from the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers (APAHC). In 2012, the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues established the Asuncion Miteria Austria and John Robinson Distinguished Mentoring Award.

A Ward 4 resident, Dr. Robinson is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Harvard University, and received an honorary doctorate from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, where he has endowed the first scholarship specifically in support of ethnically diverse students.





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Wynter Allen



Wynter Allen is a Partner at Alden Law group, PLLC.

Ms. Allen is an experienced attorney with expertise in federal sector labor and employment law. Before joining Alden Law Group, PLLC, she was a Staff Attorney with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT). A graduate of the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Development Leadership Program, Ms. Allen has held multiple leadership positions in the Labor and Employment Section of the ABA and currently serves on the DC Bar's Labor and Employment Section Steering Committee. In addition, she has extensive volunteer experience with multiple organizations in Washington, DC, including Suited for Change, Capital Partners for Education, For Love of Children, the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project, and the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. Ms. Allen also serves as a Docent for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art.

A Ward 6 resident, Ms. Allen received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Chicago and a Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University.





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Adam E. Maier



Adam E. Maier is a proven leader and change agent with extensive experience in government operations. He is a current member of the Commission on Human Rights.

Mr. Maier previously worked at the Council of the District of Columbia in the areas of policy development, financial management, legislative drafting, and as an executive agency liaison. Additionally, he has twenty-six years of experience overseeing the operations of thirteen human service and public works government agencies.

A Ward 6 resident, Mr. Maier received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration and Philosophy from the University of Maryland.





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Dr. Anika Simpson



Anika Simpson, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Morgan State University.

Dr. Simpson serves as the coordinator of MSU's Women's and Gender Studies program, which was established under her leadership in 2009. She is also the co-chair of MSU's LGBTQA Advisory Council. Dr. Simpson served as a national co-chair for the 2017 Equality March for Unity and Pride, which drew over 40,000 participants to Washington, DC and inspired 100+ solidarity marches nationally. Dr. Simpson is deeply committed to supporting and advancing racial equality, women's rights, and LGBTQ equality through advocacy and education. Dr. Simpson speaks regularly at local and national conferences and promotes awareness of social justice issues through media appearances.

A Ward 4 resident, Dr. Simpson received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Spelman College, a Master of Education in Early Education from Ohio State University, and a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy from the University of Memphis.



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ATTACHMENT C
Response to Question #11 - 5 pages

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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**AMENDED
GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING COMMISSION CASES
IN LIGHT OF COVID19
June 17, 2020**

In response to COVID-19 the Commission on Human Rights is operating in a remote status with no staff onsite as long as the Mayor has declared a Public Health Emergency. Email and telephone messages are being monitored. Due to the limited resources for processing mail, please call or email a request, document or image of a document to avoid a delay in processing your request. Requests and documents can be emailed to Commission.COHR@dc.gov.

Consistent with the District of Columbia Superior Court's March 30, 2020, Order, on April 8, 2020, the Commission issued an Order suspending, tolling, and extending deadlines through May 15, 2020. On May 26, 2020, the Commission issued an Order further extending deadlines through June 8, 2020. This Order further suspends, tolls, and extends deadlines during the period of the current emergency through **Phase I and Phase II reopening**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, all deadlines and time limits in Commission rules and orders issued by the Commission **that would otherwise expire during the public health emergency**, are tolled and extended during the period of the current emergency up to and including Phase I and Phase II reopening. Operating status and deadlines will be reassessed when the District reaches and defines a Phase III reopening.

The deadlines tolled and extended include but are not limited to (1) rule-based deadlines such as time limits for service of process, responding to discovery requests, and events leading to a pretrial conference and (2) case-specific orders issued before **May 15, 2020**, such as scheduling orders and briefing schedules.

To avoid confusion, parties with cases that have existing deadlines before May 15, 2020, will be contacted about new timeframes. This Order does not preclude a party from taking an action even though the deadline for action is suspended, tolled, or extended because of the current emergency. During this time, the Commission will continue to decide any motions filed and hold virtual status conferences when needed or requested. Any questions can be directed to Commission.COHR@dc.gov.

SO ORDERED,

**Erika L. Pierson
Chief Administrative Law Judge**

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May 26, 2020**

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The new deadline will be determined by the date on which the period of tolling ends which is May 15, 2020. If an event before the start of the tolling period triggered a deadline that falls within the tolling period, the new deadline is extended by the length of the tolling period. For example, if the deadline for responding to a discovery request or opposing a motion was 7 calendar days after the tolling period began on March 15, 2020 (i.e. discovery due March 22), the new deadline would be 7 calendar days after the tolling period ends (May 15 + 7 days = May 22).

If an event during the tolling period triggered a deadline, the clock would start running on the date the tolling period ends. For example, if discovery closed during the tolling period triggering 15 days to file a dispositive motion, the parties would have 15 days after May 15, 2020, to file a dispositive motion.

A party does not need to file a motion to extend any of the existing deadlines unless the automatic extensions provided for in this Order cause a hardship. Then, a party may file a motion to shorten or extend the new deadline.

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SO ORDERED,

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