




MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Mendelson, Chairman and Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
FROM: Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr. 
DATE: October 28, 2021
RE: Requests for the November 2, 2021 Legislative Meeting

Motion to Discharge

Pursuant to Council Rule 353, this is a request that the following measures be discharged from the Committee of the Whole and placed on the agenda for the November 2, 2021 Regular Legislative Meeting:

- PR24-244, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Natalie Hopkinson Confirmation Resolution of 2021”
- PR24-255, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Cora Masters Barry Confirmation Resolution of 2021”

On May 17, 2021, the Mayor sent nominations, to be confirmed by the Council, for Natalie Hopkinson and Cora Masters Barry to serve as members of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) for terms ending June 30, 2024.

The reappointment resolutions for both nominees were referred to the Committee of the Whole, but no Council action has occurred to approve the nominations. It is critical that both nominations are approved by the Council to continue the momentum and progress the CAH has been making towards ensuring greater equity in grant funding for artists and arts organizations, which makes a motion to discharge necessary to approve both nominations.

Emergency and Temporary Measures

I request that the following draft measures be placed on the agenda for the November 2, 2021 Regular Legislative Meeting:

- “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Member Confirmation Emergency Amendment Declaration Resolution of 2021”
- “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Member Confirmation Emergency Amendment Act of 2021”
- “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Member Confirmation Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”

The attached draft emergency measures are required to ensure that Natalie Hopkinson and Cora Masters Barry are reappointed as members of the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH). It is critical that both nominations are approved by the Council on an emergency basis to



continue the momentum and progress the CAH has been making towards ensuring greater equity in grant funding for artists and arts organizations.

Drafts of the emergency and temporary measures are attached. Please contact Angela Fowlkes, Chief of Staff, at afowlkes@dccouncil.us or (202) 844-3141 if you have any questions.