


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: December 2, 2021

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the December 7, 2021 Legislative Meeting**

Please place the following measures on the agenda for the December 7, 2021 legislative meeting:

- **Research Practice Partnership Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2021**
- **Research Practice Partnership Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021**

In 2018, the Council approved the “District of Columbia Education Research Practice Partnership Establishment and Audit Act of 2018” (D.C. Law 22-268), which created a Research Practice Partnership (RPP) Collaborative and an Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to assist the RPP in setting its research agenda and to provide guidance to the RPP on the research that it conducts. The Advisory Committee is set to have its first meeting on December 6, 2021, but confusion exists as to whether the RPP and its Advisory Committee are public bodies or entities. The law is clear that the RPP is not a public body. This emergency clarifies that its adjunct, the Advisory Committee, was never contemplated to be a public body when the Council created the two entities back in 2018.

The draft measures are attached. Please call me or Ms. Christina Setlow if you have any questions at (202) 724-4865.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers