

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**



Responses on Fiscal Year 2021 Performance Oversight Hearing Questions

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***Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Committee on the
Mayor's Office on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Affairs***

***Submission to
Committee on Government Operations and Facilities
Chairperson Robert White
At-Large Councilmember***

***Wednesday, January 26 , 2021
Virtual***

***Committee on Government Operations and Facilities
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004***

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. *Please provide the Advisory Committee's mission statement.*

The Advisory Committee on the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs' mission aligns with Mayor Muriel Bowser's core values of providing a safe and equitable city for all residents regardless of their background. The Advisory Committee's goal is to provide assistance to MOLGBTQA in addressing the immediate needs of the LGBTQ+ community.

2. *Please list all reporting requirements in the District of Columbia Code or Municipal Regulations that the Advisory Committee is required to complete in FY 21 and FY 22, to date. For each requirement, please list the date the report was required and the date it was produced. If the Advisory Committee did not produce the report on the mandated timeline, please explain why.*

The Advisory Committee does not have reporting requirements in the District of Columbia Code or Municipal Regulations.

3. *What are the Advisory Committee's top five priorities? Please explain how the agency expects to address these priorities in FY 22.*

- Providing Resources for at-risk LGBTQ+ Community and LGBTQ+ Youth
- Increasing visibility and LGBTQ+ culturally competent resources
- Ensure the safety of our LGBTQ+ residents
- Enhancing LGBTQ+ capacity for businesses and nonprofits
- Provide forums for LGBTQ+ community members to voice their concerns

The MOLGBTQA and the Advisory Committee are committed to collaborating on providing resources for at-risk LGBTQ+ Community and LGBTQ+ youth. Both organizations play vital roles in increasing LGBTQ+ visibility and LGBTQ+ culturally competent resources within the District, the MOLGBTQ in programming and policy and the Advisory Committee in being *the* visible leaders throughout the District. The Advisory Committee is promoting and sharing the initiatives of MOLGBTQA to ensure the safety of our LGBTQ+ residents, from hate crimes to COVID-19, is front and center. The Advisory Committee consists of business and non-profit leaders and we will be sharing our member's personal experiences and networks to ensure the MOLGBTQA can continue to support and enhance that capacity for our LGBTQ+ businesses and nonprofits.

In the 2022 calendar year, the MOLGBTQA will staff the Advisory Committee for at least 10 meetings. This will allow Advisory Committee members to provide status updates on programming and events and LGBTQ+ community to voice concerns.

4. *Please describe any new initiatives or programs that the Advisory Committee implemented in FY 21 and FY 22, to date, to improve the operations of the Advisory*

Committee. Please describe any funding utilized for these initiative or program and the results, or expected results, of each initiative.

The Advisory Committee is collaborating with MOLGBTQA on new initiatives and programs.

5. Please list all pending lawsuits that name the Advisory Committee 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 Advisory Committee practices and describe the current status of the litigation. Please provide the extent of each claim, regardless of its likelihood of success.

The Advisory Committee has no pending litigation in FY 21 or FY 22.

6. Please list all settlements entered into by the Advisory Committee or by the District on behalf of the Advisory Committee in FY 21 or FY 22, 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.).

The Advisory Committee has no settlements entered in FY 21 or FY 22.

7. Please provide the number of FOIA requests for FY 21, and FY 22, to date, that were submitted to your Advisory Committee. 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.

The Advisory Committee has not received a FOIA request for FY 21 or FY22.

8. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on the Advisory Committee or any employee of the Advisory Committee that were completed during FY 21 and FY 22, to date.

There are no ongoing investigations, audits, or reports from FY 21 or FY 22, to date on the Advisory Committee.

9. Please provide a list of all studies, research papers, reports, and analyses that the Advisory Committee prepared or funded during FY 21 and FY 22, to date. Please submit a digital copy to the Committee of any study, research paper, report, or analysis that is complete.

The Advisory Committee has not funded or prepared research papers or reports for FY 21 and FY 22, 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. *Their date of appointment;*
- b. *The date their term expires;*
- c. *Whether they are a District resident and, if they are, the ward in which they reside;*
- d. *The number of meetings they have attended as a member in FY 21 and FY 22 to date; and*
- e. *A brief description of any ways in which their membership helps satisfy the community organization representation requirement at D.C. Code § 2–1382(b).*

First Name	Last Name	Seat Designation (specific role)	Appointment Status	Appointee Designation	Term end	Ward of Residence
Japer	Bowles	Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) Designee	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, DC Agency Representative	1/2/2023	Ward 4
Nii-Quartelai	Quartey	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 7
Sharita	Gruberg	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 2
Peter	Fortner	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 1
Devon	Tinsley	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 8
Aaron	Wade	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 5
Barry	Karas	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 2

Kent	Boese	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 1
Manuel	Cosme	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 6
Quynhtrang "Trang"	Nguyen	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 6
Brenda	Duverce	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2022	Ward 7
Aaron	Rodriguez	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 8
Yesenia	Chavez	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 5
Sidney	Fowler	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 1
Kecia	Reynolds	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 4
Zachary	Chapman	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 1
Whitney	Washington	Public Member	Active / filled seat	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 6
Nikolas	Nartowicz	Public Member	Reappointed member in progress	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 2
Christopher	Schraeder	Public Member	Reappointed member in progress	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 1
Jordyn	White	Public Member	Reappointed member in progress	Mayoral Appointee, Public Member	6/30/2023	Ward 8

11. Please list any subcommittees the Advisory Committee has created, along with who chairs each subcommittee, and the members composing each committee.

The Advisory Committee has created the following subcommittees: Workforce, Housing, and Public Safety.

12. Please provide the dates of any Advisory Committee meetings held in FY 21 and FY 22, to date, and the dates and times of any future scheduled Commission meetings.

13. For every meeting of the Advisory Committee in FY 21 and FY 22, to date, please provide the agenda, the minutes, a list of all members in attendance, and whether a quorum was established.

MOLGBTQA staffed two Advisory Committee Meetings in FY 21.

- 1st Meeting: February 11, 2021 - [Advisory Committee Minutes](#)
- 2nd Meeting: June 22, 2021 - [Advisory Committee Minutes](#)

MOLGBTQA staffed one Advisory Committee Meeting in FY 22.

- 1st Meeting: January 25, 2022 - Advisory Committee Minutes (TBD)

14. Please list any officers the Advisory Committee has elected for FY 22, to date.

The Advisory Committee has the following officers:

Nii-Quartelai Quartey - Chair
Sharita Gruberg - Vice-Chair

15. Please provide any rules of procedure that have been adopted by the Advisory Committee in FY 22, to date.

The Advisory Committee has allowed for meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Advisory Committee has also adopted a meeting calendar for calendar year 2022.

16. Do Advisory Committee members play a role in helping to recruit new appointees to the Advisory Committee?

The Advisory Committee collaborates with and advises the MOLGBTQA to determine which voices are needed to support the AC.

17. By statute, the Advisory Committee must be “representative of the diversity in the community with regard to socioeconomic status, religion, race, ethnicity, gender identification, age, and families.” Please describe any plans to help ensure that this requirement is satisfied throughout FY 22.

The Advisory Committee is collaborating with the MOLGBTQA to create and execute a survey that identifies AC members demographics. This survey will allow for strategic recruitment and guidance.

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

The Advisory Committee is working with MOLGBTQA on recommendations on workforce and housing related to the LGBTQ+ community.

19. 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 21, or FY 22 to date? If so, what made these efforts successful?

The Advisory Committee has not facilitated such services.

b. Please briefly describe the Committee’s plans in this area for FY 22.

The Advisory Committee has not facilitated such services.

20. Please list any District agencies or officers, other than the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, with which the Advisory Committee interacted in an official capacity in FY 21 and FY 22 to date. Please include a brief description of the interaction and any notable outcomes.

Advisory Committee members have collaborated with the Department of Health, Serve DC, Department of Aging and Community Living, Department of Human Services, and the Mayor’s Office of Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs.

21. Are there any other major activities or themes that the Office would like to highlight for the Committee’s attention as we prepare for the upcoming performance oversight hearing?

The Advisory Committee shall be implementing structural changes to the Advisory Committee, including the introduction of subcommittees and monthly meetings.

22. Please describe any challenges that have impacted the Advisory Committee’s ability to meet its goals.

The Advisory Committee, like every other organization has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; however, we have moved to virtual meetings and are in constant contact with the MOLGBTQA on important updates, programming and events.