


**Council of the District of Columbia**  
**COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

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**TO:** Chairperson Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie   
**RE:** Request to Agendize Measures for the June 7, 2022, Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** June 2, 2022

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Pursuant to Council Rule 426, regarding a waiver of Rule 231(c), I request that the following measures be agendized for the June 7, 2022, Legislative Meeting. I also request that these measures be agendized for an Additional Meeting of the Committee of the Whole should one be scheduled.

The measures were marked up by the Committee on Business and Economic Development and have been filed timely with the Secretary's Office:

Measures from the Committee:

- **Bill 24-0579, the “900 55th Street N.E. and 2327-2341 Skyland Terrace S.E. DC Habitat Real Property Tax Exemption Extension Amendment Act of 2022”**

This bill would provide an extension of the real property tax exemption for the property located at 900 55th Street, N.E. in Square 5204, Lot 0022, and 2327 through 2341 Skyland Terrace, S.E., in Square 5740, Lots 241, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, and 356, and owned by Habitat for Humanity of Washington, D.C. to support the development of 25 townhomes on the east end of the city for families earning on average at or below 60 percent of Median Family Income (MFI). Funding for this measure is included in the FY23 budget as amended by the Council.

- **PR24-0732, the “Sheridan School, Inc., Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2022”**

This proposed resolution would authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery of District of Columbia revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,180,000. The bond proceeds would assist the Sheridan School with financing costs associated with a construction project for its campus located at 4400 36<sup>th</sup> Street, NW. Specifically, the funds would be used to create additional middle school space; install an elevator; renovate a science classroom; redesign the building's entrance, reception area, and associated offices; replace its roof; install updated HVAC; purchase equipment and furnishings; and finance the revenue bond issuance costs. These proposed uses comply with Section 490 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act. The bond issuance would also have no recourse to the District.

- **PR24-0740, the “Lab School of Washington Revenue Bonds Project Approval Resolution of 2022”**

This proposed resolution would authorize and provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery of District of Columbia revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35 million. The bond proceeds would assist The Lab School with the financing and refinancing of costs associated with construction projects at three of its campuses. The campuses are located at 4759 Reservoir Road, NW;

4749 Whitehaven Parkway, NW; and 1550 Foxhall Road, NW. The funds would be used to replace HVAC systems; repair an elevator; replace sanitary and domestic water plumbing lines; install new sprinklers; update a fire detection and monitoring system; and update a security system.

- **PR24-0627, the “Public Service Commission Emile Thompson Confirmation Resolution of 2022”**

This proposed resolution would confirm the reappointment of Mr. Emile Thompson as a member of the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia (PSC) with experience in electric grid modernization and renewable energy integration or technology, and designate him as Chairperson, for a term to end on June 30, 2026. Mr. Thompson was first appointed to the Commission in 2021 and has served as Interim Chair for the preceding six months.

Mr. Thompson is a Ward 4 resident. He began his career as an attorney by clerking for the Honorable (Ret.) Herbert Dixon, Jr., of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Thompson then went on to work in the Executive branch of the District government, serving as Senior Counsel and Senior Advisor to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. Prior to his appointment to the PSC, Mr. Thompson was an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and served as a Principal Member on the D.C. Water Board of Directors.

Congressional Review Emergency:

- **Medical Cannabis Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Medical Cannabis Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**

Last year, the Council passed emergency and temporary legislation that removed the blanket prohibition on individuals with felony convictions from obtaining a medical cannabis license (but still restrict individuals with certain felony convictions), established a limit of no more than 2 testing laboratories within an election ward, and removed the prohibition preventing an individual with a felony conviction from working at a dispensary, cultivation center, or testing laboratory.

The Medical Cannabis Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, effective March 28, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-356; 69 DCR 2635) expires on June 8, 2022. The Medical Cannabis Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, enacted on May 9, 2022 (D.C. Act 24-402; 69 DCR 5040), is pending the completion of the 30-day review period required by the District’s Home Rule Act; the measure is not projected to become law until July 20, 2022. Lastly, the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2021, as introduced on February 26, 2021 (Bill 24-113), which had a public hearing on November 19, 2021, must still complete the legislative process. Accordingly, it is important to keep the emergency and temporary provisions described above in effect until the temporary legislation has become law.

Ceremonial Resolution:

- **Kendra Perkins Norwood Recognition Resolution of 2022**

This resolution recognizes and honors Kendra Perkins Norwood for her outstanding leadership in the District of Columbia as President of the Washington Bar Association.

The draft measures along with their supporting materials are attached. Feel free to contact Committee Director Alicia DiFazio, at [adifazio@dccouncil.us](mailto:adifazio@dccouncil.us), with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Secretary  
Office of the General Counsel  
Office of the Budget Director