

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING

on

**Attendance, Chronic Absenteeism, and Truancy in the District**

on

**November 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Chairman's Website** ([www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live](http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live))  
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Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public oversight hearing of the Committee of the Whole on *Attendance, Chronic Absenteeism, and Truancy in the District*. The hearing will be held on **Wednesday November 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom video conference.

The stated purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony from government witnesses and partners, including the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Public Charter School Board, and Child and Family Services Agency regarding the District's efforts to improve school attendance. Over the past decade public schools have worked diligently on this issues and have had little progress in reducing truancy. The hearing will also be an opportunity for comment, if any, on the new "60/40" rule. The Committee is interested in hearing new approaches that will actually reduce truancy and chronic absenteeism. This hearing will build upon the Committee of the Whole's continued oversight on this issue and previous hearings on April 4, 2019, December 5, 2019, April 21, 2021, and March 11, 2022.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by the close of business on Monday, November 28, 2022. **Testimony is limited to three minutes.** Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation or require sign language interpretation must inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please contact Aaron Sayama, Legislative Assistant, at (202) 724-4865.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us) in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony>. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted to [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us) or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.