

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

on

Bill 25-55, “Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023”

on

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 9:00am

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast (Track B)
Chairman’s Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-55**, the “Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023.” The hearing will be held at **9:00am on July 12, 2023**.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-55 is to support establishment by the University of the District of Columbia of a Master of Social Work degree program and to establish a scholarship program for District residents and employees who are seeking higher education in behavioral health.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023**.¹ **Testimony is limited to four minutes**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding by emailing cow@dccouncil.gov. 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. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please email cow@dccouncil.us or contact Raleigh Lancaster, Senior Legislative Counsel, at (202) 724-7130.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. 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 through the Hearing Management System 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, July 26, 2023.

¹ The Council’s Hearing Management System (HMS) is a new method for managing hearings that the Committee of the Whole is piloting.