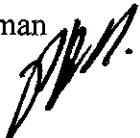


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: July 6, 2023

RE: **Request to Place Measure on the Agenda for July 11, 2023 Legislative Meeting**

This is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 11, 2023 Legislative Meeting:

- **PR 25-317, "Employment Contract of Dr. Maurice D. Edington as President of the University of the District of Columbia Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023"**
- **PR 25-318, "Employment Contract of Dr. Maurice D. Edington as President of the University of the District of Columbia Emergency Approval Resolution of 2023"**

These measures were introduced at the request of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Board of Trustees and are necessary to approve Dr. Edington's employment contract with UDC. UDC's Board of Trustees Executive Committee approved the contract on June 8, 2023, and Dr. Edington begins service on August 1, 2023. Dr. Edington will succeed Mr. Ronald Mason who has served as UDC's President since 2015. The President's annual salary and related benefits will be \$310,000.00, an annual bonus not to exceed \$25,000, an annual vehicle allowance of \$9,000, and a yearly housing allowance of \$90,000. Dr. Edington will also be reimbursed for moving expenses in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Lastly, the University will pay for reasonable expenses for travel, housing, meals, and related expenses as approved by the board Chairperson. The contract requires Council approval because it is a multi-year contract.

Currently, Dr. Edington serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Florida A&M University, where he guided strategy for vice presidents and other senior administrators to improve institutional outcomes on key performance indicators and sustain operational excellence. Dr. Edington's tenure at Florida A&M included roles as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, where he oversaw academic programs, activities, and services for fourteen colleges/schools, and all institutional and specialized accreditation activities. He also served as Vice President for Strategic Planning, Analysis, and Institutional Effectiveness, where he was responsible for overseeing the University's assessment, accreditation, academic program quality, institutional research, reporting, and strategic planning functions.

Given Dr. Edington's impressive background, including his operational, financial, and legal expertise, it is essential that Dr. Edington's contract be approved, as requested by the UDC Board of Trustees, so that he may begin his term on August 1, 2023.

Please call me or Raleigh Lancaster if you have any questions at (202) 724-7130.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers