

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

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

on

PR 25-728, “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Reappointment Resolution of 2024”

on

**Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
Council Hearing Room 412 (Track B)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable before the Committee of the Whole on **PR 25-728** the “Citizen Review Panel Dr. Wanda Thompson Reappointment Resolution of 2024”. The public roundtable will be held at **1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024**. The purpose of PR 25-728 is to reappoint Dr. Wanda Thompson to the Citizen Review Panel. Chairman Mendelson introduced this reappointment resolution on April 23, 2024.

With historical roots stemming from the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), the Citizen Review Panel was codified into District law in 2004. The Panel serves as an independent oversight body for the District’s child welfare system, to evaluate the District government agencies involved in child protection as well as services provided by vendors. The Panel consists of 15 members, all of whom must be District residents. The Mayor is required to appoint eight members of the Panel and must designate the Chairperson. The Council appoints seven members to the Panel and is required to designate the Vice Chairperson. The Panel is required to be broadly representative of the community and must include members who have expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

The purpose of the roundtable is to receive testimony from public witnesses as to the fitness of these appointees. Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://ims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024**. **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 contact Christian Washington, Special Counsel, at (202) 724-8083 or cow@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses may participate in person or virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council’s Hearing Management System in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible. 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 5:00 pm on Monday, October 21, 2024.