

**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 25-942, “Commission on Health Equity Austin Hicks Chikwendu  
Appointment Resolution of 2024”**

**PR 25-946, “Commission on Health Equity Yvonne Garces  
Appointment Resolution of 2024”**

**PR 25-1022, “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Maggie O’Neill Confirmation  
Resolution of 2024”**

on

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 12:00pm  
Council Hearing Room 412 (Track B)  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.gov](http://www.dccouncil.gov))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable before the Committee of the Whole on **PR 25-942**, the “Commission on Health Equity Austin Hicks Chikwendu Appointment Resolution of 2024,” **PR 25-946**, the “Commission on Health Equity Yvonne Garces Appointment Resolution of 2024” and **PR 25-1022**, the “Commission on the Arts and Humanities Maggie O’Neill Confirmation Resolution of 2024”. The roundtable will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Noon**.

The stated purpose of PR 25-942 is to appoint Austin Hicks Chikwendu to the Commission on Health Equity as a nonvoting community advisory member. The stated purpose of PR 25-946 is to appoint Yvonne Garces to the Commission on Health Equity as a nonvoting community advisory member. Chairman Mendelson introduced both of these nominations on September 16, 2024. Each nonvoting community advisory member serves at the pleasure of the Council. The stated purpose of PR 25-1022 is to confirm the nomination of Maggie O’Neill for appointment to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Chairman Mendelson introduced this resolution at the request of the Mayor on October 17, 2024. Ms. O’Neill is being nominated to complete the remainder of an unexpired term to end June 30, 2025. The purpose of the roundtable is to receive testimony from public witnesses, as well as the nominees, as to their fitness.

The Commission on Health Equity was established to provide comprehensive recommendations to DC Health, the Council, and the Mayor on addressing health inequities across the District. It consists of strategically positioned leaders with expertise in areas like health equity, social determinants, and health disparities.

The Commission on the Arts and Humanities is an independent agency in the District of Columbia government responsible for evaluating and initiating action on matters relating to the arts and humanities, and is the designated state arts agency for the District of Columbia.

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, December 2, 2024. Testimony is limited to three 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 [cw@dccouncil.gov](mailto:cw@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 A. Washington, Special Counsel, at (202) 724-8083 or [cw@dccouncil.gov](mailto:cw@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 (<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings>) in advance of the hearing. That 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 5:00 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024.