

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

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

on

**Bill 26-62, Board of Trustees Training Amendment Act of 2025**

on

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

**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 hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 26-62**, the “**Board of Trustees Training Amendment Act of 2025**.” The hearing will be held at **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025**.

Bill 26-62 aims to require the Public Charter School Board, in collaboration with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, to provide a no-cost training program for newly elected or appointed members of a public charter school’s Board of Trustees. Governance lapses—particularly in financial management—have jeopardized the stability of charter schools in the District, leading to closures that disrupt students’ education. On August 20, 2024, the Board of Eagle Academy announced its decision to surrender the school’s charter, effective immediately. This abrupt closure displaced 362 students and left employees without a school just one week before the academic year began. Such disruptions not only displace students from their school communities but also hinder academic progress, impact well-being, and erode public trust in both schools and the government. They also create uncertainty about the ability of schools to provide consistent, high-quality education. The incident has heightened concerns regarding financial oversight and board training within the charter school sector. This hearing seeks comments on Bill 26-62, as well as, to assess the need for enhanced training programs for charter school board members to strengthen governance and ensure greater financial accountability.

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, March 24, 2025**. **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 [cow@dccouncil.gov](mailto: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 Aliyah McNeely, Legislative Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8140 or [amcneely@dccouncil.gov](mailto:amcneely@dccouncil.gov).

Public witnesses will 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 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 Wednesday, April 9, 2025.