

**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 26-20, “Commission on Health Equity Dr. Simone C. Ellis Appointment Resolution of 2025”

**PR 26-57, “Executive Director of the Criminal Code Reform Commission Jinwoo Park
Appointment Resolution of 2025”**

**PR 26-65, “District of Columbia Retirement Board Lyle M. Blanchard Reappointment Resolution
of 2025”**

**PR 26-66, “District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Raymond A. Skinner
Reappointment Resolution of 2025”**

on

**Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 2:30pm
(or immediately following the preceding hearing)
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 26-20**, the “Commission on Health Equity Dr. Simone C. Ellis Appointment Resolution of 2025,” **PR26-57**, the “Executive Director of the Criminal Code Reform Commission Jinwoo Park Appointment Resolution of 2025,” **PR 26-65**, the “District of Columbia Retirement Board Lyle M. Blanchard Reappointment Resolution of 2025,” and **PR 26-66**, the “District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Raymond A. Skinner Reappointment Resolution of 2025”. The roundtable will be held at **2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025.**

The stated purpose of PR 26-20 is to appoint Dr. Simone C. Ellis to the Commission on Health Equity as a nonvoting Ward 8 community advisory member. Chairman Mendelson introduced this nomination on January 3, 2025. Dr. Ellis would serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Commission on Health Equity was established to provide comprehensive recommendations to the Department of Health, the Council, and the Mayor on addressing health inequities across the District. The Commission consists of strategically positioned leaders with expertise in areas like health equity, social determinants, and health disparities; social and human services, and vulnerable populations; early learning and education; minority communities and population health outcomes and improvement; economic and community development; and ecology and the natural and built environment.

The stated purpose of PR 26-57 is to reappoint Jinwoo Park as the Executive Director of the Criminal Code Revision Commission for a 3-year term to expire March 26, 2028. Chairman Mendelson introduced this nomination on February 10, 2025. The Criminal Code Reform Commission is an independent agency responsible for, among other duties, submitting to the Mayor and Council recommendations for comprehensive criminal code reform.

The stated purpose of PR 26-65 is to reappoint Lyle M. Blanchard as a member of the District of Columbia Retirement Board for a 4-year term to expire January 27, 2029. Chairman Mendelson introduced this nomination on February 12, 2025. The District of Columbia Retirement Board is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government. DCRB has the exclusive authority and discretion to manage and control the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Fund and the District of Columbia Teachers' Retirement Fund. DCRB also is the benefits administrator for the District of Columbia Police Officers and Firefighters' Retirement Plan and the District of Columbia Teachers' Retirement Plan.

The stated purpose of PR 26-66 is to reappoint Raymond A. Skinner to the District of Columbia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as a voting member for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2027. Chairman Mendelson introduced this nomination on February 12, 2025. The District of Columbia Housing Authority provides quality affordable housing to extremely low- through moderate-income households, fosters sustainable communities, and cultivates opportunities for residents to improve their lives. The Authority's strategic goals include increasing access to quality affordable housing and fostering a collaborative work environment that is outcome-driven and meets the highest expectations of the affordable housing industry.

The purpose of the roundtable is to receive testimony from public witnesses as to the fitness of these nominees for appointment or reappointment.

Those who wish to testify about this legislation must register using the Council's Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2025**. **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 A. Washington, Special Counsel, at (202) 724-8083 or cow@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses may participate 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 Monday, March 17, 2025.