



**MEETING MINUTES**

**MINUTES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT COMMISSION MEETING ON MAY 22,  
2019**

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**AGENDA**

**Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting  
Feb. 27, 2019  
3-4 p.m.**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting**  
Approval of Minutes

**Update on Healthy Youth and Schools Commission**  
New Commissioners

**Legislative Update**

Healthy Students Amendment Act of 2018  
LGBTQ Health Data Collection Amendment Act of 2018  
School Safety Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018  
Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014  
School Sunscreen Safety Amendment Act of 2019

**Update from OSSE**

General Announcements  
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**Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019**  
**3-4 p.m.**

**Meeting Summary**

This meeting summary serves as a review of the February 27, 2019 Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting held at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE, 1050 First Street NE, First Floor, Washington, DC 20002). An audio recording is available upon request (Caitlin.Shauck@dc.gov). The purpose of the Healthy Youth and Schools Commission is to advise the Mayor and DC Council on health, wellness, and nutritional issues concerning youth and schools in the District of Columbia.

**Commissioners in attendance:** William Dietz, Heidi Schumacher, Jeff Travers, Beverly Wheeler, Audrey Williams, Kristy McCarron, Maggie White, Robin Diggs, Taryn Morrissey, Danielle Dooley

**Commissioners in attendance via phone:** Charneta Scott

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Chairman Jeff Travers opened the meeting at 3:10 p.m. by welcoming everyone in attendance.
- Chairman Jeff Travers announced that the public meeting would conclude at 4:00, and the commissioners would be meeting after for a strategic planning meeting.
- All commissioners at the meeting introduced themselves, including new commissioners Maggie White and Kristy McCarron. Maggie White explained that she works for DCPS and oversees the Inner Core content areas, which are global education, healthy and physical education, and the arts. Kristy McCarron explained that she works for the YMCA, overseeing food programs and some of the community health programs.

**Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting**

- Chairman Jeff Travers asked commissioners whether they had a chance to review the meeting minutes from the November 7 commission meeting. Commissioners agreed they had reviewed the minutes and had no edits. Commissioner Heidi Schumacher motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner William Dietz seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the commissioners. Commissioners Maggie White and Kristy McCarron abstained, since they were not in attendance at the November meeting.

- Chairman Jeff Travers asked for the meeting dates for 2019. Commissioner Audrey Williams read the dates: May 22, 2019, August 21, 2019, and November 20, 2019

### **Legislative Update**

- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, provided an update on the Healthy Students Amendment Act of 2018, which was signed by Mayor Muriel Bowser on January 16, 2019. The Act is still subject to appropriations.
- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, provided an update on the School Safety Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018, which was signed by Mayor Muriel Bowser on January 30, 2019. The Act would require schools to adopt and implement policies to prevent and address sexual harassment, sexual assault, and dating violence, as well as require OSSE to create model policies. The Act is still subject to appropriations.
- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, provided an updated on the LGBTQ Health Data Collection Amendment Act of 2018, which was signed by Mayor Muriel Bowser on January 30, 2019. The Act would require OSSE and DC Health to continue to include questions on the LGBTQ community on the YRBS and the BRFSS.
- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, presented on the Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014. Businesses are no longer allowed to provide plastic straws or stirrers. The Department of Energy and the Environment began inspections for plastic straws and stirrers on January 1, 2019. These requirements also apply to schools.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers asked about feedback from schools.
  - Commissioner Audrey Williams replied that it is to be determined.
- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, presented on the School Sunscreen Safety Amendment Act of 2019, which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee of the Whole. The Act would allow students to self-administer sunscreen at school without a medication action plan and would allow Administration of Medication-trained school staff to apply sunscreen.
  - Commissioner William Dietz asked about how many schools have shaded playgrounds.
  - No one in attendance knew the answer to this question.
  - Commissioner William Dietz suggested that this might be something to consider that is more effective than sunscreen

### **Update from OSSE**

- Commissioner Heidi Schumacher announced that OSSE is in the final stages of hiring for the Director of Policy, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives in the Division of Health and Wellness.

## OSSE Strategic Plan Presentation

- Shana Young, OSSE Chief of Staff, presented on OSSE's new five-year strategic plan.
  - Shana Young noted that Superintendent Hanseul Kang is out of town, so is unable to be present to talk about the strategic plan.
  - By 2023, OSSE aims to reach the following goals:
    - 1,500 more vulnerable infants and toddlers access quality care
    - 4,100 more students are in high-quality pre-k classrooms
    - 6,700 more students meet or exceed expectations on state assessments while closing achievement gaps
    - 1,100 more students enroll in high education, on a path to complete a two- or four-year degree
  - OSSE announced five pillars that will form the foundation of the agency's work:
    - Set high expectations
    - Share and use actionable data
    - Build ecosystem capacity
    - Maximize OSSE's impact
    - Continue commitment to the talented team and culture of excellence
  - See attached deck for more details.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers commented that this is terrific and extended congratulations to OSSE.
- Commissioner Heidi Schumacher presented on the OSSE's Division of Health and Wellness Strategic Plan.
  - This is the Division's first-ever strategic plan
  - The Division completed stakeholder engagement to create the strategic plan
  - Chairman Jeff Travers asked if all divisions in OSSE created their own mission statement.
    - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher verified with Shana Young, OSSE Chief of Staff, that every division does not have a mission statement, but every division does have a strategic plan.
  - The Division has the following five-year strategic priorities:
    - Champion the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model
    - Leverage data
    - Promote partnerships
    - Deepen and broaden investment in health and wellness in the early childhood setting
    - Continue positive organizational climate and culture of excellence

- Commissioner William Dietz asked if the early childhood work is limited to schools.
  - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher explained that the Preschool Development Grant focuses on the many different settings in which early learning occurs.
- The Division has the following five-year strategic goals:
  - 2.5 percent decrease in chronic absenteeism in pre-K and middle school
    - Chairman Jeff Travers asked what the 2.5 percent is a decrease from.
    - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher responded that the absenteeism rate for the district is about 26-27 percent, varying year to year and by age range.
    - Chairman Jeff Travers clarified that this would be roughly a 10 percent decrease.
  - For every 100 students who qualify for Free and Reduced-Price meals and participate in school lunch, 75 will participate in school breakfast
  - 100 percent of schools and child development facilities will have high-quality Local Wellness Policies that reflect DC's health and education landscape and drive action toward school improvement
  - 100 percent of schools will have high-quality multi-tiered mental health systems and supports
- Chairman Jeff Travers thanked commissioner Heidi Schumacher and commented that he was happy to see the mental health goal.
- See attached slide deck for more details.

### **DC School Report Card Presentation**

- Shana Young, OSSE Chief of Staff, presented on the DC School Report Card, which launched in December 2018.
  - It is a single place to find critical information about all schools in the District, District of Columbia Public Schools and public charter schools.
  - Commissioner William Dietz asked why the STAR framework indicators only add up to 95 instead of 100.
    - Shana Young responded that the remaining 5 points have been reserved for a future metric once it is ready and approved.
  - Commissioner Danielle Dooley asked why OSSE thinks the highest website traffic is on Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening.
    - Chloe Woodward-Magrane from OSSE responded OSSE is not sure. The thing that is sometimes frustrating about looking at website data is that you do not know why.

- Chairman Jeff Travers asked if this is the same data as on the lottery site.
  - Shana Young responded that because of the technical lift of building a new system, they are not duplicates of each other. The two sites are cross-linkable. OSSE is looking into further additional integration in the future.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers asked if the two sites are run by the same people.
  - Shana Young said that both are run by OSSE, but they have different technical infrastructure.
- Commissioner Maggie White asked how teacher experience level was defined.
  - Shana Young responded that it is the number of years of experience of a teacher in the classroom.
  - Commissioner Maggie White that is not broken down any more, such as by urban experience.
  - Shana Young said that is correct. It is simply years of experience.
- Commissioner Heidi Schumacher highlighted that there are two health items on the report card. One is physical activity time, which is defined as physical activity within physical education class plus recess. The second is health staffing, which is collected through the School Health Profile.
  - Commissioner Robin Diggs asked if the physical activity time is physical education *and* recess or physical education *or* recess.
    - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher clarified that it is physical education *and* recess.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers commented that he checked his daughter's school and this data is there, but he is not sure if he believes it.
    - Shana Young commented that OSSE is hoping that by further scrutiny and interest from families that schools are encouraged to pay attention and be able to talk about the data.
  - Commissioner Taryn Morrissey asked if the data are averaged over grades.
    - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher explained that it is weighted based on grade band.
- See attached slide deck for more details.

### **Comments from Commissioners on Current Work**

- Commissioner Audrey Williams explained that at the Public Charter School Board meeting next month the board will approve the policy for preventing

sexual abuse. It will then be put out for public comment, and then the board will vote on it.

- Commissioner Maggie White commented that DCPS is working with principals to make sure that they are meeting Healthy Schools Act requirements. They are also taking a closer look at the health curriculum to see how they can implement a whole school model.
- Commissioner Robin Diggs said that the Department of Health is examining ways to use Title V funding to support physical activity programs in out of school time. They are also hoping to connect with parent groups to learn how they can better support parents with chronic disease prevention and support.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers asked if the parents who gave feedback on the DC School Report Card could be accessed for other things.
  - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher explained that OSSE leveraged existing organizations with networks for that outreach.
- Commissioner Beverley Wheeler announced that next week is National School Breakfast Week. March 6 is “Hear the Crunch,” where anyone can participate by eating an apple.
  - Chairman Jeff Travers asked if the Mayor will be participating.
  - Commissioner Beverley Wheeler responded that they are still working to get the Mayor’s participation.
- Commissioner Heidi Schumacher noted that she and Commissioner Danielle Dooley are members of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which has just released its first ever policy statement on the role of pediatricians in supporting chronic absenteeism.
  - Commissioner Heidi Schumacher will circulate a blog that she and Commissioner Danielle Dooley wrote.
- Commissioner Taryn Morrissey noted that the Birth to 3 for All bill, which was passed in June 2018, has not yet been funded. It would enhance pediatric quality to set kids up to be ready to learn.

### **Final Discussions, Closeout, and Priorities for Next Meeting**

- Chairman Jeff Travers concluded the meeting at 4:03.