



MEETING MINUTES

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AGENDA

**Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting
November 17, 2021
3-5 p.m.**

Welcome and Introductions

Acknowledgment

Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting

Approval of Minutes

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General Announcements

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Updates

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Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting
November 17, 2021
3-5 p.m.

Meeting Summary

This meeting summary serves as a review of the November 17, 2021 Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting held virtually. A 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: Jeff Travers, Audrey Williams, Akeem Anderson, Kafui Doe, Taryn Morrissey, Charneta Scott.

Welcome and Introductions

- Chairman Jeff Travers opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting

- Chairman Travers asked commissioners to review the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting.
- Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the minutes, Commissioner Anderson seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the commissioners.

Updates from OSSE

- Caitlin Shauck shared that Tia Brumsted will be serving as Interim Assistant Superintendent of the Health and Wellness Division while Dr. Heidi Schumacher is on maternity leave.
- Rebecca Harnik, Management Analyst at OSSE, presented an update on the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey Administration including questionnaire updates and administration progress, challenges, and strengths.
 - Additional information is available in the slides.
- David Esquith, Director of Policy, Planning and Strategic Initiatives at OSSE, presented an update on COVID-19 response and recovery including the following: changes to COVID-19 testing and expanded eligibility for distance learning instituted by the Protecting Our Children Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, available supports for COVID-19 positive case response at public and public charter schools, the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for student athletes, and COVID-19 vaccination opportunities for children 5-11.
 - Additional information is available in the slides.

- Commissioner Anderson asked if the 20% testing sample goal has been met. David Esquith shared that some schools are meeting and exceeding the 20% testing goal while others are not. On average, they are trending towards reaching the 20% goal. There are challenges, particularly with testing high school students, and the team is strategically reaching out and providing support to schools to ensure they reach the goal.
- Dr. Marsha Samson, Lead Epidemiologist at DC Health, shared an update on DC Health COVID-19 data and trends.
 - Additional information is available in the slides.

Healthy Schools Act Implementation Updates

- Tia Brumsted, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Health and Wellness at OSSE, presented on the physical activity and physical education requirements for students as stipulated by the Healthy Students Amendment Act of 2018 (HSAA).
 - Additional information is available in the slides.
- Chairman Travers asked how schools are doing in implementing the HSAA requirements. Tia Brumsted shared that at this moment, there is no data. Data from the annual School Health Profiles, which is collected each year from mid-January to mid-February, will be available after the second semester.
- Elizabeth Leach, School Nutrition Programs Manager at OSSE, and Alex Dobbs, Compliance Manager at OSSE, shared a nutrition program update including student access to meals, flexibilities in place through June 2022, challenges and mitigation strategies, successes, and expectations for next school year.
 - Additional information is available in the slides.
- Chairman Travers asked if there will be pressure from schools or advocates to keep these flexibilities after the emergency ends. Alex Dobbs shared that a lot of schools have been asking. It will be a challenge if the supply chain issues continue and the waivers do not. The team hopes the USDA will communicate any flexibilities and waivers in advance so everyone can plan.

Comments from Commissioners on Current Work

- Commissioner Williams shared that the DC Public Charter School Board and Children's National Hospital are hosting a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on COVID-19 vaccines for children on Friday, November 19 at 2 p.m.

Updates from Strategic Plan Working Groups

- There were no updates from working groups.

Final Discussions, Closeout and Priorities for Next Meeting

- Chairman Travers shared the proposed 2022 meeting dates.
- Chairman Travers asked to send topic suggestions for future meetings.
- Chairman Travers closed the meeting at 4:14 p.m.