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COAAA Meeting Minutes FY 27 **Quorum: 12** **10/21/26** **6:30-7:30 PM** **899 North Capitol ST NE – Chevy Chase Rm (#1021)** **8/15 Commissioners present**	**10/21/26** **6:30-7:30 PM** **899 North Capitol St NE - Chevy Chase Rm (#1021)** **8/15 Commissioners present** **1 Roll Call/Quorum Met** **1 Deputy Director Manning- Present** **2 Commissioner Lakeitha Anderson- Absent** **3 Commissioner Mitchell Asante- Absent** **4 Commissioner Victor Battle- present** **5 Commissioner Ben-James Brown - present** **6 Commissioner Gloria Dunbar- Absent** **7 Commissioner Dwayne Falwell- Absent** **8 Commissioner Randall Henderson- Present** **9 Commissioner Wanda Henderson- Absent** **10 Commissioner Venus Little- present** **11 Commissioner Clarence Miles- Absent** **12 Commissioner Ty Hobson Powell- Absent** **13 Commissioner Kristin Shymoniak- Present** **14 Commissioner Paul Spires- Absent** **15 Commissioner Jacqueline Stallworth - Present** **16 Commissioner Janet Wright- Present** **2 Commissioner Introductions** **3 Deputy Director Remarks** **4 MOAAA Office Updates** **1 Dep. Director shared updates of past community events the MOAAA attend since the last commission meeting** **2 Mayor Bowser composed a letter to Councilman Mendelson requesting the Truancy program be expanded to Ward 8** **3 Ward 7 Clean up meeting outside of Thai Orchid Kitchen** **Saturday 10/24** **10:00 AM** **4 Dunbar High School Parade** **Saturday, 10/24/26** **10:00 AM** **5 Cedar Regional Medical Center Healthcare Fair** **1200 Pecan St SE** **11AM-2PM** **6 Black on the Block Party**

	Nationals Park **7 DPW Leaf Collection begins 11/2/26** **To learn more, visit the DPW website or call 202-671-5323 or 311** **5 Ex-Officio Updates** **1 DHS Updates (Stacia Frederick)** **1 Ms. Frederick requested for any community feedback regarding the past Reducing Poverty event** **2 Annual Feast of Sharing** **Traditional Thanksgiving meal, live entertainment, free health screenings, and free family resources** **3 Peer Case Management Institute (PCMI)** **Now taking applications until 10/31/26** **Provides classroom and on-the-job training to individuals with lived experience of homelessness to help them develop into successful case managers for the District's homeless services system** **6 Commission New Business** **1 Sub-Committees** **1 Proposed edits** **1 Economic Mobility Pillar** **1 Coupling education with access and capital** **2 Commission would like for the public to be invited to subcommittee meetings** **3 Commission will begin brainstorming local organizations that can directly support/be a resource for each pillar** **4 Commissioner Shymoniak will send a poll to commissioners to rank their subcommittee preference** **5 The poll will be dispersed to the commission by Wednesday 10/28/26** **2 Commissioner Brown shared an upcoming event, DC Scores, and invited commissioners to support** **RFK Fields** **Saturday, October 24 @ 10:00** **7 Next Meeting Date** **1 11/18/26** **8 Meeting Adjourned-**

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	12/15 Commissioners present **1 Call to Order - 6:42 PM** **2 Roll Call/Quorum Met** **1 Deputy Director Manning- present** **2 Commissioner Lakeitha Anderson- absent** **3 Commissioner Mitchell Asante- present** **4 Commissioner Victor Battle- present** **5 Commissioner Ben-James Brown - absent** **6 Commissioner Gloria Dunbar- present** **7 Commissioner Dwayne Falwell- present** **8 Commissioner Randall Henderson- present** **9 Commissioner Wanda Henderson- present** **10 Commissioner Venus Little- absent** **11 Commissioner Clarence Miles- absent** **12 Commissioner Ty Hobson Powell- Present** **13 Commissioner Kristin Shymoniak- Present** **14 Commissioner Paul Spires- Present** **15 Commissioner Jacqueline Stallworth - Present** **16 Commissioner Janet Wright- Present** **3 Commissioner Introductions** **4. Deputy Director Remarks** **5 MOAAA Office Updates** **1 Marion Berry Avenue Market Anniversary Fish Fry & Celebration** **Friday, September 25, 2026** **2-7PM** **1303 Marion Barry Ave. SE** **2 DCPS Back to School Block Party** **Dunbar High School** **11AM-2PM** **3 Tech Turn Up Coding Event** **Saturday, September 26, 2026** **Union Market** **12-3PM** **4 MOAPIA's Mid-Autumn Festival Night Market** **Friday September 25, 2026** **Chinatown Park** **6pm-10pm** **5 MOLA's 50th Anniversary Events**

	September 26: My Little El Salvador Columbia Fest **September 27: Walk with the Mayor** **September 30: Noche Cultural Event** **6 General Council Team will look into the compliance guidelines regarding fundraising for the Commission** **7 Logos and Social Media interaction are permitted but must be managed by MOAAA staff** **6 Ex-Officio Updates** **1 Dr. Tiffany Stroggins (DCPS)** **1 DCPS 26-27 SY Calendar (https://dcps.dc.gov/publication/school-year-2026-2027-calendar)** **2 Robert Mayfield (DoH)** **1 Men's health Summit** **Saturday, September 26** **10AM-2 PM** **The Commons** **2 Emergency Preparedness Kit Distribution** **Last Distribution- 9/29 10 AM - 1 PM** **2201 Shannon Place SE** **3 Dr. Stacy Frederick (DHS)** **1 No updates** **2 Concerns were expressed about DHS's portal and staff's lack of knowledge regarding the portal** **3 Inquiry regarding alternative ways for parents to retrieve their children's documents for district and federal resources** **7 Commission New Business** **1 Sub-Committees Working Session** **1 Commission reviewed drafted sub-committee descriptors & Metrics** **2 Commission reviewed proposed sub-committee metrics** **1 Suggestions:** **1 Add rec centers for adult education support and other daytime events** **2 Generating a post-follow up method from events to increase and sustain impact** **3 Use this FY as the baseline data** **4 Partner with other organizations to execute task items** **5 Develop action items for town halls (e.g. meeting with ANCs, developing a resource 1-pager supporting residents access their community liaisons)**

	3 Drafted documents will be distributed to commissioners for further review and feedback to be shared during the next meeting. **2 Commissioner communication** **1 proposal of a text group for non-opening meeting business** **1 Dep. Director Manning will correspond with commissioner for input** **8 Next Meeting Date** **1 10/21/26** **9 Meeting Adjourned- 8:12 PM**

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I. Call to Order - 6:42 PM
II. Roll Call/Quorum Met
    A. Deputy Director Manning- Present
    B. Commissioner Lakeitha Anderson- Absent
    C. Commissioner Mitchell Asante – present
    D. Commissioner Victor Battle – present
    E. Commissioner Ben-James Brown -present
    F. Commissioner Gloria Dunbar – present
    G. Commissioner Dwanye Fawell – present
    H. Commissioner Randall Henderson – present
    I. Commissioner Wanda Henderson-present
    J. Commissioner Venus Little – present
    K. Commissioner Clarence Miles – present
    L. Commissioner Ty Hobson-Powell – present
    M. Commissioner Kristin Shymoniak- present
    N. Commissioner Jacqueline Stallworth – absent
    O. Commissioner Janet Wright - present
III. Commissioner Introductions
IV. Deputy Director Remarks
    A. Sub-committees & Commissioner Interest
        1. Youth Affairs
            a. Commissioner Spires
            b. Commissioner Battle
            c. Commissioner Asante
            d. Commissioner Miles
        2. Economic Empowerment
            a. Commissioner Hobson-Powell
        3. Senior Affairs
            a. Commissioner R. Henderson
        4. Health & Housing
            a. Commissioner Asante
        5. Public Safety
            a. Commissioner Hobson-Powell
            b. Commissioner Asante
        6. Education & Adult Literacy
            a. Commissioner Shymoniak

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7. Commissioner Battle expressed the following concerns to be addressed in sub-committees:
    a. Non-custodial legal support
    b. Addressing the community trauma and lasting impacts resulting from interactions with task forces deployed throughout the city.
8. Commissioner Brown suggested consolidating committees for effectiveness
    a. This will be added as a working item on the September agenda in addition to establishing progress monitoring metrics
    b. MOAAA will send the current sub-committee descriptions to the commission for review prior the September meeting

V. MOAAA Office Updates
    A. Black in Business
        8/27 @ 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
        899 North Capitol St NE
    B. Culture Quest Kids Fest
        8/29/ @ 3 PM – 7 PM
        Deanwood Rec Center

VI. Ex-Officio Updates
    A. Dr. Tipphanie Scroggins - DCPS
    B. Robert Mayfield – Dept. of Health
    C. Stacie Frederick – Dept. of Health & Human Services

VII. Commissioner Remarks
    A. Several commissioners requested the provision of name badges or branded shirts to enhance their visibility and identification within the community.
    B. Commissioner Falwell expressed concerns regarding the food deserts in Ward 7 & 8

VIII. Next Meeting Date
    A. 9/16/26

IX. Meeting Adjourned – 7:54 PM

Next Meeting, scheduled for August 19th , 2026 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

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