

**Commission on Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes
Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW, Room 1107 South, Washington, DC 20001

Commissioners in Attendance: Akeem Anderson, Margot Berkey, Myles Cliff, Anisah Crosby, Tacharna Crump (7:43), Vanessa Gerideau (7:14), Laura Harding, Mark Hecker, Gary Hill, Vice Chairperson Burnell Holland, Chairperson Walter Peacock, Heather Peeler, Audrey Williams, Mila Yochum

Absent: Margaret Siegel (excused)

Attending Staff Members: Renee Abdullah, Alex Brown, Kevin Cataldo, Debra Eichenbaum, Jeremy Welsh-Loveman

I. Call to Order

The commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peacock at 7:03 p.m.

II. Public Comments

Sandra Bittle, Executive Director of the Reggie Cook Foundation, provided testimony regarding the needs of many families living in Southeast DC. Ms. Bittle provided an overview of the mentoring and arts programs for girls ages 3-8 in and around Barry Farms and the need for funding. As a native Washingtonian, Ms. Bittle is passionate about supporting youth and created the organization as way to pay tribute to her son who died on Sept. 25, 2009.

III. Announcement of a Quorum

Twelve (12) members were present at time of roll call and quorum was announced.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Peeler motioned to approve the agenda. Hecker seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Agenda approved.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Hecker motioned to approve the minutes. Berkey seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Minutes approved.

VI. Introduction of New Commissioners

Peacock mentioned that commissioners, Jason Spector and Kenneth Taylor are awaiting final confirmations from DC Council. Anisah Crosby will be stepping down from the OST Commission and was thanked for her service.

VII. Updates: Office of Out of School Time Grants and Youth Outcomes

Yochum shared that the audit being conducted by the Office of the DC Auditor is ongoing. Brown asked the Commission to share information regarding the tax check off for the OST Office and at-risk youth and provided appropriate language. Last year, taxpayers contributed \$117,852 and these funds supported youth programming in public housing communities.

Cataldo shared information on The Institute for Youth Development's Quality Cohort 3 with 34 OST program sites participating this year. Also, The Institute hosted a networking event on January 10, 2020, and there have been 26 events reaching over 377 unduplicated individuals.

Eichenbaum shared that the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Grant Report is available at Learn24.dc.gov. The School Year 2019-20 grant has 89 grantees. Summer 2020 grant competitions closed on December 10, 2019 and 65 applications were reviewed, and announcements are expected by the end of February. School Year 2020-21 Requests for Applications will be released in March and the deadline to apply will be after OSSE's 21st Century Community Learning Center grants deadline

Welsh-Loveman explained that there were 861 SAYO assessments completed this school year, and that these are all baseline data. 4,523 youth have been served to date by grantees.

VIII. Committee Updates

Hill provided an update on the Funding and Capacity Building Committee. The Committee is discussing how best to use references in grants moving forward and researching how other agencies use references. Additionally, the Committee is exploring using a technical assistance corps to provide overall assistance on demand to any grantee or potential applicant as well as conducting an in depth review on summer meals and CACFP and determining if there are barriers to organizations applying for the Federal funding that supports these programs. The Committee has decided to hold off on requesting a presentation from United Way NCA until the parameters of the presentation have been defined.

Hecker provided an update on the Outcomes Committee. The committee has finalized the work plan, but realized some tactics will require their own work plans or outlines, so that will be the next step. The Committee will also soon begin working to update the 12 developmental youth outcomes and start sketching out an accountability framework for grantees. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the DME Office.

Gerideau provided an update on the Coordination and Collaboration Committee. Since the last committee meeting Gerideau has stepped forward to be the chairperson of this committee. This Committee is working to remove the barriers that organizations have with developing relationships with some government agencies. The committee is scheduling a provider meeting in April/May about the referral process to help youth and families navigate through the different stages of a child's life. In collaboration with the Funding and Capacity Building Committee, this committee is seeking reliable sources from the OST Commission on the list of possible documents and templates that were generated by the committee. The list can be found [here](#). The next committee meeting will be held on February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at DPR headquarters.

Berkey provided an update on the Quality Committee. The committee has finalized the parent/caregiver and teen quality statements, which received public comment for feedback at EdFest, PAVE, and through the OST newsletter. The Committee requested that the OST Commission vote on each quality statement, which was approved unanimously. The Committee is working on a landscape document that provides professional development workshops to be offered both in-person and online. The Committee is beginning discussions regarding the Youth Assessor Corps. The next committee meeting will be held on March 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Shaw Library.

Peacock provided an update on the Governance Committee. A draft and deliberative report on expanding the role of the OST Commission and OST Office to coordinate with additional District agencies that fund or operate OST programs was provided to all Commissioners. The Commissioners will redline the document and return to the OST Office. A vote is planned for the April meeting and then the report will be submitted to the Mayor and Council.

X. Adjournment

Harding made a motion to adjourn. Hill seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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