

**MAYOR'S OFFICE OF DISABILITY RIGHTS**  
**DC COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 12:30 PM  
441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 729 North  
Washington, DC 20001

**Conference Call**

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Agenda

- A. Call to Order (3 minutes)
- B. Roll Call (3 minutes)
  - a. Commissioners
  - b. DC Government Staff
- C. Approval of Agenda & Minutes (2 minutes)
- D. Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) (7 minutes)
  - a. Introduction – Tiera Williams
  - b. Update – Swearing Ceremony Details
- E. Message from ODR – Updates (2 minutes)
- F. Calendar Review for the year (15 minutes)
  - a. Topics and speakers
- G. Public Comment (5 - 10 minutes)
- H. Meeting Adjournment (2 minutes)

Questions:

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<https://odr.dc.gov/>

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Rachael Gass called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

**Introduction of Commissioners and Quorum** – quorum was not present.

### Commissioners In Attendance

Rachael Gass  
Hope Fuller  
Daniel Higgins  
Kamilah O. Martin-Proctor

(Not present: Travis Painter, Gerard Counihan, Shakira Hemphill, Terrance Hunter, Edward James, & Jeremy Mann)

### DC Government Staff in Attendance

Ikeya January, ODR  
Tiera Williams, MOTA

### Public Attendance

Kelly Mack  
Melissa Hardison (ASL Interpreter)  
Andrea Gehrz (ASL Interpreter)

**Approval of Agenda** – quorum was not present to approve the agenda.

### **Executive Reports and Business Items**

Rachael Gass welcomes everyone to the FY24 Commission meeting and completed roll call. Rachael introduced Tiera Williams, who is MOTA's point of contact for the commission moving forward. Tiera provided a brief description of her role at MOTA and she provided details for the upcoming swearing in ceremony for the commission; which will be held during the next commission meeting in March. All information provided from MOTA will be circulated to the commissioners and the DCCPD openings link will be sent around.

Ikeya provided an update regarding the status of ODR: Currently, ODR is in the process of interviewing for a Certified Deaf Interpreter, coordinating the next Olmstead townhall and preparing for an upcoming performance hearing.

Rachel discussed the FY24 commissioners calendar which included dates, topics and presenter(s) for each meeting. Commissioner Martin-Proctor volunteered to lead September's meeting which will focus on higher education. Commissioner Martin-Proctor mentioned she'll be presenting at Awesome Con this year and she will forward information to help spread the word and a flyer with an accessibility tool once available.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.