DC | HEALTH GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY

AGENDA

2201 Shannon Place, SE
Washington DC, 20020
4th Floor, Room 411
August 13, 2025
6:00pm to 8:00pm

COMMISSION MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Commission Voting Members:	
Cara V. James, Ph.D., **Chair, Commission on Health Equity**	
Linda Elam, Ph.D., MPH, **Vice-Chair**	
Might Fine, MPH, **Secretary**	
Suyanna Linhales Barker, Ph.D.	
Nicole E. Stratchan, M.S.	
Ana Lopez Van Balen, MSW	
Delia Housel, Ph.D., MPH	
Kimberly Burrowes, MA	
Nakeisha Neal Jones	
Commission Advisory Members:	
CM Christina Henderson **Chair, Committee on Health**	
Ona Balkus, JD, MPH - CM Designee	
Austin Chikwendu - Ward 5 Rep.	
Simone Ellis, MD - Ward 7 Rep.	
Nura Green Lane, Ph.D., MBA - Ward 8 Rep.	
Colett Chichester - Insurance Sector Rep.	
Gregory Argyros, MD - Hospital Sector Rep.	
Commission Staff:	
C. Anneta Arno, Ph.D., MPH, **Chief Health Equity Officer, DC Health**	

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I. Welcome & Introductions - ***Dr. C. Anneta Arno, Chief Health Equity Officer, DC Health***

II. Call to Order - ***Dr. Cara V. James, Chair, Commission on Health Equity***

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Meeting Goal:

- **Presentation 1: Public Health Budget Update:**
  - Carl Filler MSW, *Chief of Staff, DC Health*
- **Presentation 2: Strategic Engagement & Community Inclusion Possibilities**
  - *Leah Varga Diaz, PH.D., Health Literacy Officer*
  DC Health, Office of Health Equity

VI. Open Discussion

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Attachments:

- Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2025

Next Meeting: October 15th, 2025* – *To Be Confirmed*