

# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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## March Public Meeting Minutes Monday March 24, 2025

### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commissioner Sophia Tekola who conducted roll call. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and in person at Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center. Commissioners present also included Commissioner Doug Payton (4B01), Commissioner Shamina Christian (4B02), Commissioner Keenan Courtland (4B03), Commissioner Sophia Tekola (4B05), Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson (4B06), Commissioner Garrett Moore, (4B08), Commissioner Danielle Geong (4B09), and Commissioner Jinin Berry (4B10). Commissioner Michael Cohen (4B07) was absent.

### 2. Administrative Items

#### a. Instructions for participation in virtual and in person meetings

Commissioner Tekola provided instructions for public participation in the meeting

#### b. Consideration and approval of March 2025 Regular Public Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

#### c. Approval of January 2025 Regular Public Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Tekola presented the February 2025 Regular Public Meeting Minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

#### d. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Tekola delivered a brief update in the absence of the treasurer, Commissioner Cohen. No new expenses and only credit was interest accrued this month.

### 3. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners provided updates regarding their Single Member Districts, including community resource availability, traffic safety improvements, office hours, community clean-ups, new businesses, and information for impacted federal employees. 4B04 remains vacant. Interested candidates can reference the [D.C. Board of](#)

[Elections website](#) regarding candidate eligibility criteria and more information. The petition period for candidates runs from March 24 –April 14.

#### 4. Community Concerns

Members of the community were provided the opportunity to present questions or statements.

#### 5. Reports

##### a. Yamileth Escobar, Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services (3 minutes)

On March 17, Mayor Bowser, Chair Mendelson, and CFO Lee hosted a press conference on the state of the FY 2025 congressional continuing resolution (CR). City leaders are lobbying on House passage of bipartisan Senate bill that amends federal budget to fully fund the D.C. budget. The mayor expressed optimism Congress will correct the federal budget. My Out of School Time DC (MOST DC) app launched on March 19 to streamline afterschool and camp program registration. DC Health is hosting a We Care campaign event March 26 for former feds to enroll in DC health insurance, hosted at a pop-up event by the Zoo at 3310 Connecticut Ave. NW. Street sweeping started March 3 and will continue through October. On April 1, DPW spring services begin including alley cleanup, grass cutting, mowing, and graffiti removal.

##### b. Darrell Whitmyer, Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (3 minutes)

DDOT took back for study several action items from LaSalle PTO community walk safety walk March 12. Councilmember Lewis George is committed to traffic safety action near LaSalle ES including speed limit signage, pedestrian walk sign improvements, jersey barriers, and pickup/drop-off zone signage. Senior Bingo returns Friday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. to Emory Heights Recreation Center. Ward 4 office hours are happening every Wednesday afternoon at Fort Stevens Rec Center from 12 to 1pm, followed by office hours at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Community members can stop by and speak one-on-one with a member of our team about DC government services or our work in the Ward 4 community. Commissioner Geong thanked Mr. Whitmyer for sharing [DC Council's budget oversight hearing schedule](#) this April and encouraged residents to register to submit testimony in person, virtually, or in writing. The Councilmember is committed to ensuring Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP) remains in the current budget.

##### c. Dr. T. Michelle Colson, Ward 4 State Board of Education (3 minutes)

Remains supportive of school traffic safety including at LaSalle Elementary School. The Recess on the Hill event to lobby on FY25 Federal Budget the previous week was very successful. The March 19 State Board of Education Meeting focused on AP classes. Joined 4C meeting on funding for PKEEP Community Based Organizations with Councilmembers Henderson and Lewis George. [ANC 4C passed a resolution in support of full funding for PKEEP](#) March 12, and Dr. Colson recommended 4B consider a similar resolution. [School safety meeting with PAVE](#) will be Thursday, March 27 6pm at People's Congressional United Church of Christ. Echoed LaSalle PTO concerns and encouraged commissioners not to wait for other safety event incidents to occur.

##### d. 4B Community Safety & Support Committee (2 minutes)

The Committee invited Mr. Whitmyer, SBOE Representative Dr. Colson, DC Office of Human Rights, and DC Department of Human Services for a meeting on immigration and migrant rights. There is no change in D.C.'s sanctuary city status. The Committee will meet April 17 at 7pm virtually for a DC Auditor presentation on two reports concerning the Metropolitan Police Department.

#### 6. Presentations

No presentations were held. The Mayor's Office of Budget & Performance Management was invited to this meeting but unable to join, so 4B will invite their staff to the April 2025 Public Meeting.

#### 7. Consent Calendar

- a. Resolution 4B-25-0301: Supporting Application for Special Exception at 405 Riggs Road, NE BZA 21257 (Commissioner Geong)
- b. Resolution 4B-25-0302: Calling on DC Department of Public Works to Enforce ROSA Violations for Vehicles with Temporary Tags (Commissioner Johnson)
- c. Resolution 4B-25-0303: Supporting Approval of All After Hour Work Permits and Temporary Noise Waiver for Washington Gas (Commissioner Berry)
- d. Letter to DCPS/DCPCSB on Immigration Enforcement Guidance (Commissioner Geong)

The measures in the Consent Calendar were unanimously approved as presented.

#### 8. Letter urging policy changes for the Metropolitan Police Department and Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice prohibiting the reinstatement of police officers convicted of crimes (Commissioner Johnson)

This letter was unanimously approved as presented.

#### 9. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.

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#### Upcoming Public Meetings

The next ANC 4B Planning Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

The next ANC 4B Regular Public Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

The next ANC 4B Community Safety and Support Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.