# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8B



# Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: In compliance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B are a record of the actions taken by the Commission, not a record of what people said during the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail in the minutes.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Roll Call Conducted By: Comr. Johnson,

The Commission convened at approximately 7:00 pm at 2455 Alabama Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020. The following Commissioners attended the meeting: Comr. Takema Keyes, Comr. Betty Scippio, Comr. Kimberly Little, Comr. Joseph Johnson, Comr. Marcus Hickman, Comr. Juanita Beltran, Absent: Comr. Thomas Von Williams, Jr.

A quorum was declared and determined by roll call at the beginning of the meeting, with 6 of 7 commissioners present and with one absent.

Comr. Johnson stated that the community received notice via Neighbor Next Door, Facebook, Flyers and Government website at anc.dc.gov and ANC website at anc8b.org.

# II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The March meeting agenda and February 2025 meeting minutes were submitted with minor clarifications. Motion to approve: Commissioner Kimberly Little Vote: Approved 6–0

#### III. Commissioner Reports

Each Commissioner presented updates on current issues, concerns, and initiatives within their Single Member Districts (SMDs).

#### IV. Remarks by Councilmember Christina Henderson

At-Large Councilmember Christina Henderson attended the meeting and addressed the following topics: A proposed \$1 billion cut to the district's budget Ways for residents to peacefully participate in advocacy Key budget priorities and community engagement opportunities

# V. Agency & Utility Presentations

## Department of General Services (DGS)

A DGS representative announced plans to return to a future ANC 8B meeting to present details on the proposed new headquarters for the Seventh District Metropolitan Police Department.

#### Pepco

At residents' request, a Pepco representative addressed concerns about rising utility bills. The representative committed to returning with more information and resources on bill reduction programs and energy efficiency tips.

#### Washington Gas

Representatives from Washington Gas presented an upcoming rate increase impacting residents citywide. They explained the increase is necessary to support ongoing efforts to replace corroded infrastructure and improve service. Washington Gas committed to returning next month with additional information and community support resources.

## VI. Public Safety Report

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) shared recent crime statistics and encouraged residents and business owners to participate in the Private Security Camera Incentive Program, which offers rebates for security camera installations.

### VII. Community Concerns

Residents voiced a range of serious concerns, including: Open-air drug activity in front of homes, apartment buildings, and sidewalks Frustration with the lack of affordable housing in new developments Additional concerns were raised but are not outlined in full within these minutes

Note: Community concerns will not be detailed in the formal meeting minutes.

#### XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Comr. Kimberly Little,

Approved on: Tuesday, April 15, 2024