



MINUTES

November 19, 2025 - REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Vice Chair Christine Miller, presiding, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §§ 1-207.42 and 1-309.11(c), the meeting was properly noticed in advance and open to the public.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

COMMISSIONER BILLY EASLEY, SECRETARY, PROCEEDED WITH THE ROLL CALL. THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS WERE MARKED AS "PRESENT":

- SMD 1A01 – Jaspal Bhatia
- SMD 1A02 – Dieter Lehmann Morales
- SMD 1A03 – Carlo Perri
- SMD 1A06 – Anthony Thomas-Davis
- SMD 1A07 – Monte Achenbach
- SMD 1A08 – Shira Davidson
- SMD 1A09 – Daniella Kelley
- SMD 1A10 – Billy Easley

Jeremy Sherman (SMD 1A04) was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda, with Q4 FY2025 Quarterly Financial Report moved to new business, was made by Commissioner Easley and seconded by Chair Miller. Motion passed by voice vote with no objections.

READING AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made and passed by voice vote with no objections.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Secretary Report (Commissioner Achenbach): Resolution R25-50 (urging accountability and identifiability of federal agents) transmitted to MPD Chief; acknowledgment of receipt received but no substantive response yet. Will review expected responses from past resolution transmissions before next meeting.

Treasurer Report (Commissioner Lehmann Morales): Commission in good financial standing. Awaiting Form 105 submissions from commissioners for Q3 expenses before Q3 QFR can be processed. Q4 FY2025 report moved to new business for vote.

GENERAL SPEECHES & PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Commissioner Easley: Public Safety Committee met with 3rd District MPD Commander regarding federal task forces operating in DC; urged public to contact MPD with concerns
- Chair Miller: ERAP opens November 20th at 9 AM (appointments required); acknowledged Trans Awareness Week
- Public Comments: No public comments during general comment period.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL & EXECUTIVE

Chris Rutledge, Friendship Place:

Friendship Place serves approximately 5,400 people annually addressing homelessness throughout DC. Organization operates La Casa (Columbia Heights, at capacity), Brooks Family Shelter (Idaho Avenue), The Aston (West End), and drop-in center at 4713 Wisconsin Avenue (open Mon/Tue/Thu, 9 AM-12 PM and 1-4 PM). Programs include permanent supportive housing, Veterans First, AIM Higher employment program, and food pantries. FY2024 revenue approximately \$7.2 million in DC government service contracts; nearly all funds directed to services. Key advocacy priorities: more housing vouchers, expedited voucher processing, and affordable housing development. Strong collaboration network with service providers including Miriam's Kitchen, Martha's Table, and Wider Circle. Holiday toy drive underway.

Estelle McKinney, Councilmember Nadeau's Office:

- Fall leaf collection underway; Columbia Heights next in Section 1C; pumpkins without paint/glitter/stickers can be composted at Columbia Heights Farmers Market
- Columbia Heights-Mount Pleasant Public Life Study in final review with Office of City Administrator and OAG; hearing possible this year if released by month's end
- Stabilization Center: Department of Behavioral Health scheduling community meeting for early December
- Human Rights Roundtable: Testimony on DC police/federal cooperation accepted through November 28th
- Utility Resource Fair: December 8th, 12-3 PM at Mount Pleasant Library (partnership with PEPCO, DOEE, OPC) to address rising energy burdens
- Trash collection: Councilmember hosting roundtable early December; Commission's consolidated 311 data tracker will inform discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

- **R25-51: Resolution Supporting Gourmet Pizza LLC t/a Red Rocks (ABRA Application).** *Sponsor: Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis*

- **Vote: Approved by unanimous consent**

NEW BUSINESS

- **R25-52: Resolution Authorizing Application for OANC Technical Assistance Funds and Reimbursement to Commissioner Jeremy Sherman for Hybrid Meeting Equipment.** *Sponsor: Commissioner Dieter Lehmann Morales*
 - Authorization to apply for OANC technical assistance funds (\$913.50) to reimburse Commissioner Sherman for hybrid meeting equipment purchased out-of-pocket.
 - **Vote: Approved unanimously (9-0)**
- **R25-53: Resolution Concerning the Protest of the Renewal of the Class C Tavern License Held by Johnny's All-American (1101 Kenyon Street NW).** *Sponsor: Commissioner Anthony Thomas-Davis*
 - Commissioner Thomas-Davis presented resolution citing: ABCA placard posting violations (22 days late; ABCA Board intervened); persistent outdoor noise from amplified music audible in residences and continuing after hours; sidewalk cafe/streetery violations including TVs, amplified sound, pedestrian obstructions, equipment storage, litter, and food truck in streetery (explicitly prohibited). Multiple unanswered outreach attempts (July 29, October 8, October 25). Licensee repeatedly stated no settlement agreement and "can do what they want."
 - Owner Brendan (Johnny's) denied allegations as untrue and slanderous; stated never received complaints or was approached about issues; claimed confusion with neighboring business (Bloom Bar); expressed distrust of settlement agreement process but willing to engage "in earnest."
 - Extensive commissioner discussion on voluntary nature of settlement agreements, ANC protest procedures, community input standards, and evidence requirements. OANC General Counsel Denise Wiktor clarified voluntary agreements cannot be required and ANCs must state basic "peace, order, quiet" case with evidence presented at hearing.
 - **Vote (Roll Call):**
 - YEA: Kelley, Thomas-Davis
 - NAY: Bhatia, Miller, Morales, Achenbach
 - ABSTAIN: Davidson, Easley, Perri
 - **Resolution failed. Commission has until December 22nd to maintain standing if further engagement needed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Prepared by: Mitra Moin on November 19, 2025

Approved on: December 17, 2025

Attested by the ANC 1A Secretary, Monte Achenbach:

