



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 8E**

**ANC 8E Public Meeting Minutes**

Via Zoom

Commissioner Deborah Wells(8E01), Commissioner LaQueda Tate (8E02), Commissioner Mikel Williams (8E03), Commissioner Veronica Adams (8E04), Commissioner Duane A Moody (8E05), Commissioner Dolores ‘Miracle’ Bryant (8E06), Th-Juan McLeese-Lewis (8E07), Commissioner Saudia Jenkins(8E08), Commissioner Rhonda Holmes (8E09)

**ANC 8E Public Meeting  
January 5, 2026, 6:30 PM  
THEARC 1900 Mississippi Avenue  
\*\*\*PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO ENTER BUILDING\*\*\***

- I. Call to Order \*\***
- II. Establish A Quorum \*\***
- III. Election of Officers \*\***
- IV. Approval of November Minutes \*\***
- V. Approval of Meeting Schedule \*\***
- VI. Approval of the Budget, FY 2026. \*\***
- VII. MPD, 7D Report (no show)**
- VIII. MOCRS Report, Ward 8 (no show)**
- IX. Council Member Trayon White (no show)**
- X. Dr. LaJoy Law - School Board Representative and Report \*\***
- XI. OANC Vendor Downhill. \*\***
- XII. Grow Democracy DC - Kenyatta Smith \*\***
- XIII. Town Hall regarding UMC land site and Future Development \*\***
- XIV. Commissioners’ Reports**
- XV. Community Roundtable (3 minutes) \*\***
- XVI. Adjournment**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Williams at 6:41 pm

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Wells, Williams, Moody, Williams, Adams, Bryant,

**ABSENT:** McLeese-Lewis, Holmes

**TARDY:** Tate, Jenkins

**Motions**

PRESENTER	MOTION	CONCLUSION
Commissioner Williams	Approve the November meeting minutes All are in favor.	Motion Passed
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Commissioner Williams	Motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule. All are in favor. Every 1st Monday of the month, excluding July and December. Meeting in September will be delayed by one week and will be held on the 2nd Monday of that month.	Motion Passes
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Commissioner Williams	Move to accept the 2026 Budget. All are in favor.	Motion Passes
Commissioner Williams	Motion to approve payment to the OANC for the ZOOM presentation for \$525 for each meeting, when applied. This is for Wednesday, the 7th and Monday, the 12th. Bryant seconds. All are in favor.	Motion passes
Election of Officers	Duane Moody nominates Chair Williams. Wells seconds. All are in favor. Miracle Bryant nominates Saudia Jenkins for Vice-Chair. Wells seconds. All are in favor. Wells nominates Duane Moody for Secretary. Adams Seconds and Bryant. All are in favor. Williams nominees Commissioner Wells. Tate seconds. All are in favor.	Chair Williams Vice-Chair Jenkins Secretary Moody Treasurer Wells

### Presentations, Reports, and Community Comments

SPEAKER	COMMENT
Democracy DC - Kenyatta Smith	Here to explain the new voting system of Rank-Choice Voting system here in the District of Columbia.
Commissioner Williams	Discussing the Wednesday meeting regarding the UMC Hospital site.
Office of Trayon White - Sheila Bunn, COS	Here to discuss what the Councilman's office is doing to help facilitate services to 8E. Budget season is coming and they would like for 8E to present a budget proposal. Discussed Ranked-Choice voting. Town meeting at New Image Community Baptist Church on this Thursday at 6 pm.
Dr. LaJoy Johnson-Law - DC Board of Education	Here to present on behalf of the DC Board of Education

<p>Commissioner Reports</p>	<p><b>Wells:</b> Hoping to do a walkthrough to get some space to bring resources to her community. Optimistic about the new management of the property she lives in.</p> <p><b>Tate:</b> Ridgecrest is almost complete regarding renovations. 100% occupancy of an apartment complex. Discussing the closures of stores in her SMD as well as new businesses that are opening up in her SMD.</p> <p><b>Williams:</b> Dunkin’ Donuts is in the final phase. Looking to bring the owners before the Commission to basically justify why they have not complied to their promises and why they chose to ignore our invitations. The library moving is on hold because of the development of Congress Heights METRO Station. Green school is now in the final stage of development.</p> <p><b>Adams:</b> Wheeler Terrace: Benjamin Rivers let her know that they are still trying to get the percentages they need to do the letter of interest with DC Housing.</p> <p><b>Moody:</b> Nothing to report but I look forward to seeing everyone this Wednesday and next Monday.</p> <p><b>Bryant:</b> Lives in the new development where the ground breaking is next month at Ferebee Hope Recreation Center. Spoke about getting recreational facilities at 9th and Valley. Fed 1,000 families and gave out food during certain parts of 8E.</p> <p><b>McLeese-Lewis:</b> Not attended. She has started a mental health clinic I her SMD.</p> <p><b>Jenkins:</b> Imperative to get to the seniors. Working with barbers to do some mentoring haircuts to our youth. Also working on partnering with braiders. The day before Christmas, the Go-Go band on the mobile bus was a huge success.</p> <p><b>Holmes:</b> Not attended</p>
<p>Community Roundtable</p>	<p>True Gospel Tabernacle would like to be put on the March agenda meeting.</p>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Williams at 8:37 pm.

*Kelly ‘Mikel’ Williams*  
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 Chair, ANC 8E

*Duane A. Moody*  
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 Secretary, ANC 8E