

Minutes – Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A
January 6, 2026 Regular Public Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: *In compliance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, §48, page 468, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A 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 will not be recorded in detail in the minutes.*

The meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. A quorum was present, and included the following Commissioners:

- Paula Edwards, 4A01 (Chair)
- Joan Hoyte, 4A02 (Vice Chair)
- Christian Hara, 4A03 (Secretary)
- Patience Singleton, 4A04 (Treasurer)
- Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05
- Akex Akalu, 4606

1. Approval of Administrative Matters

- a. Election of Officers – facilitated by Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
 - b. Review of bylaws for electing officers
 - c. Offices:
 - a. Chair 4A
 - i. Commr. Holliday nominated Paula Edwards for Chair
 - ii. Commr. Akalu seconded
 - iii. No additional nominations
 - iv. Vote: 6-0-0; Paula Edwards ELECTED Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - i. Commr. Hara nominated Joan Hoyte
 - ii. Commr. Edwards seconded
 - iii. No additional nominations
 - iv. Vote: 6-0-0; Joan Hoyte ELECTED Vice Chair
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Commr. Holliday nominated Patience Singleton
 - ii. Commr. Hoyte seconded
 - iii. No additional nominations

- iv Vote: 6-0-0; Patience Singleton ELECTED Treasurer
 - d Secretary
 - i Commr. Hoyte nominated Christian Hara
 - ii Commr. Akalu seconded
 - iii Christian Hara declined to accept the nomination
 - 1 No vote
 - iv Commr. Holliday nominated himself
 - v Commr. Hoyte seconded
 - vi No additional nominations
 - vii Vote: 6-0-0; Jeffrey Holliday ELECTED Secretary
 - e Second Vice Chair
 - i Commr. Edwards nominated Alex Akalu
 - ii Commr. Hara Seconded
 - iii No additional nominations
 - iv Vote: 6-0-0; Alex Akalu ELECTED Second Vice Chair
- d. Approval of the January Agenda as Amended
 - a Amendments:
 - i Remove QFR approval
 - ii Add presentation by DC Plug
 - b Motion to approve as ammended by Commr. Edwards
 - c Seconded by Commr. Singleton
 - d Vote: 6-0-0; PASSED
- e. Approval of the December 2025 Minutes
 - a Motion to Approve by Commr. Edwards
 - b Seconded by Commr. Holliday,
 - c Vote: 6-0-0; PASSED
- f. Approval of Verizon mobile telephone contract renewal
 - a Motion to table and discuss at February 2026 meeting
 - b Moved by Commr. Edwards
 - c Seconded by Commr. Singleton
 - d Vote: 6-0-0; PASSED

2. Government Agencies

- a. Leticia Acosta, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs provided an update
 - a Leaf Collection – second round starting in Section A
 - i If leaves not removed within 2wks of scheduled date, contact her

- b Serve DC Snow Heroes – looking for volunteers
 - c Recycling Pickup – Will look into missed collections in 4A
 - d Public Christmas Tree Disposal: 2nd and Bryant St. NW
- b. Barbara Rogers, Councilmember Janeese Lewis George’s office, provided an update
 - a DC Water Impervious Area Charge – Updates to CRIAC measurements paused while DC Water does further outreach
 - i Question from Community Member Joshua Kranzberg: Is the councilmember in favor of being able to challenge prior billing? Answer: yes
 - ii Question from Commr. Edwards: Can customers speak to the board of DC water? Answer: unsure, will look into it
 - iii Question from community Member Margery Goldberg: who has oversight of DC Water? Answer: there is not traditional oversight by the Council like city agencies; will look into it and report back
 - b National Link Trust – terminating of lease agreement made without consultation with DC Council and Ward 4 residents. Councilmember Lewis George stands against Federal interference in local affairs.
 - c Takoma Aquatic Center – to be closed for locker room renovations. Work to begin first week of March and be complete first week of April.
 - i Question from Commr. Hoyte: Does renovation include showers? Answer: yes
 - d Performance Oversight Hearings start soon
 - e Community Questions:
 - i Long unnecessary DPW Holds on Street Parking?
 - ii Randi Thorpe not responsive
 - iii Answer: Will reach out

3. Community/Commissioner Discussion

- a. Presentation from Dr. Regina Lawson from DC Child and Family Services Foster Care Program on becoming a foster parent
 - a Call to Action for community members to become foster parents
 - b Currently 546 kids in care
 - c Goal for new foster families
- b. Deset Ethiopian Restaurant Settlement Agreement
 - a Change to Settlement Agreement: change hours, add live entertainment (as previously discussed)

- b Commr. Edwards moves to approve revised Settlement Agreement
 - c Commr. Holliday seconds
 - d Vote: 5-0-1, with Commr. Hoyte Abstaining; PASSED
- c. Presentation from Peyton Manning from DC Plug on Powerline Undergrounding
 - a Work in 4A starting soon
 - b Public Meeting tomorrow

4. Community Concerns

- a. DC Arts Commission Grant for Murals in 4A
 - a Margery Goldberg asking how to proceed with art or other improvement for sign at Champion Kitchen
 - b Support from Upper Georgia Ave Mainstreet?
 - c Contact Commr. Hoyte to discuss further

5. Adjournment

- a. Commr. Holliday moved to adjourn the meeting
- b. Commr. Hara seconded
- c. Vote: 6-0-0; PASSED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Comm. Jeffrey Holliday, 4A05, Secretary
 s/ JEFFREY HOLLIDAY 5/29/2026
 Approved at the March 2026 Meeting