



## Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting

June 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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This meeting summary serves as a review of the June 13, 2024 Healthy Youth and Schools Commission Meeting held in a hybrid format. A recording is available upon request ([KYLE.FLOOD@DC.GOV](mailto:KYLE.FLOOD@DC.GOV)). The purpose of the Healthy Youth and Schools Commission (HSYC) is to advise the Mayor and DC Council on health, wellness, and nutritional issues concerning youth and schools in the District of Columbia.

**Commissioners who attended in person:** Charneta Scott, Audrey Williams, Kristy McCarron, Marierose Mbinack, Jenn Mampara, Tia Brumsted, Jessica Kirchner

**Commissioners who attended virtually:** Darien Thomas, Diana Bruce, Lori Garibay

### Welcome and Introductions

- Chairperson Kristy McCarron called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
- Commissioners introduced themselves.

### Recap of the Previous Commission Meeting

- Approval of Minutes
  - February 21, 2024 meeting minutes were approved. Motion: Jessica Kirchner. Second: Audrey Williams, all in favor.

### Discussion: Commission Format

- Chairperson McCarron discussed the format of the commission and the challenges commissioners face due to the current format, and she proposed a commission structure and meeting format where the HYSYC will serve as consultative body for community-based organizations (CBOs) and District agencies that impact the health of District youth by providing tangible feedback.

- Chairperson McCarron invited commissioners to provide suggestions and share their thoughts on the usefulness of the proposed structure.
- Caitlin Shauck, Policy Analyst at OSSE, mentioned there is an open seat for a youth commission member and also discussed the purpose and function of the HYSC. For more information, visit: <https://code.dccouncil.gov/us/dc/council/code/titles/38/chapters/8A/subchapters/VII>
  - Any student interested in serving on the commission should apply at: <https://motaboards.applytojob.com/apply/y50K6m/Healthy-Youth-And-Schools-Commission>

### **Comments from Commissioners on Current Work**

- Commissioner Williams shared that the DC Public Charter School Board is employing a new academic accountability system for charter schools named ASPIRE, which stands for Annual School Performance Index Report and Evaluation. For more information visit: <https://dcpcsb.org/aspire-system>
- Commissioner Mbinack shared an update on a program through which students learn to ride bikes and another program where students obtain their scuba diving certificates in Florida.
- Commissioner Brumsted shared several updates from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education including:
  - The District of Columbia is participating of SUN Bucks, also known as Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), which helps families with students buy food during the summer with the goal of closing the summer hunger gap and increase access to nutritious meals. For more information visit: <https://sunbucks.dc.gov/>
  - The first Social Emotional Learning (SEL) symposium was held on June 12, bringing together educators and stakeholders from DC Public Schools, public charter schools, and partner agencies to launch DC's first SEL standards. For more information visit: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/social-emotional-learning>
  - DC Youth Summer Meals program kicked off providing youth 18 and younger with free meals at over 100 sites across the city. For more information visit: <https://osse.dc.gov/dcyouthmeals>
  - The annual Berries & Greens Day was celebrated on June 5 to showcase locally grown produce in school meals and educate students about the health and environmental benefits of eating locally grown fruits and vegetables, and how healthy eating leads to healthy educational outcomes. For more information visit: <https://osse.dc.gov/service/berries-and-greens-day>

## **Final Discussions, Closeout and Priorities for Next Meeting**

- Next meeting originally scheduled for September 18 will be moved to an earlier date, either at the end of July or beginning of August.
- Chairperson McCarron adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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