



Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans

Meeting Agenda

April 4 – 5, 2024

Date: April 4, 2024

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: Laborer’s District Council Training and Learning Center
1333 N. Broad St
Philadelphia, PA 19122

9:00 – 9:15 **Roll Call/Opening Remarks**

- Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, Chair, Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans
- Alexis K. Holmes, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans

9:15 - 9:25 **Commission Business**

9:30 – 10:20 **Centering Black Youth in Education**

Moderator: Commissioner Dr. Vilicia Cade, CEO & Superintendent, Capital School District, Dover, DE

Panelists:

- Shania Bennett, Executive Director, Mayor’s Office of Youth Engagement
- Alexis Carter-Steward, President, Youth Creating New Beginnings, Temple University
- Richard Oliver, Jr., Youth Engagement Coordinator, U.S. Attorney’s Office - Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Jerome Richardson, Student Safety Advisor to the Vice President, Public Safety, Temple University
- Jeron Williams II, Former Chair, Philadelphia Youth Commission

10:20 – 10:30 **Transition**

10:30 – 11:20 **Preparing Black Students for Education and Career Success**

Moderator: Commissioner Fedrick Ingram, Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Teachers (AFT)

Panelists:

- Teila Allmond, Pre-Apprenticeship Coordinator and Instructor, Rosie’s Girls, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 98
- Dr. Donald Generals, President, Community College of Philadelphia
- Ayana Lewis, Esq., Executive Director, Philadelphia School District
- Vanessa Renee, Chief of Staff, Center for Black Educator Development



11:20 – 11:30 Transition

11:30 – 12:20 Ensuring Civil Rights in Education

Moderator: Commissioner Chad Lassiter, Executive Director, PA Human Relations Commission

Panelists:

- Alex Peay, Founder, Ones Up
- Karen Smith, School Board President, Central Bucks
- Darin Toliver, Associate Director of the African American Resource Center, University of Pennsylvania
- Dawan Williams, Vice President of Restorative Justice, Nomo Foundation

12:20 – 12:30 Transition

12:30 – 1:50 Keynote Luncheon (Commissioners)

1:50 – 2:00 Transition

2:00 – 2:50 Fostering Faith and Community Partnerships in Education

Moderator: Commissioner Marla Blunt-Carter, Associate Professor of Professional Practice, Rutgers University School of Social Work

Panelists:

- Bishop J. Louis Felton, President, Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity (BCPV)
- President & Presiding Bishop Mary Palmer, Philadelphia Council of Clergy
- Salima Suswell, CEO, Black Muslim Leadership Council
- Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller, Senior Pastor, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church

2:50 – 3:00 Transition

3:00 – 3:50 Building and Sustaining Black Economics and Entrepreneurship

Moderator: Commissioner Clarence A. Nesbitt, Jr., Chief Legal Counsel, Think450

Panelists:

- Rachel Branson, Director, Office of Minority Business Success
- Cleveland Gary, Founder and Chair, ECRID
- Dr. Kenneth Scott, President & CEO, BEECH Companies, Statewide Network of CDFI
- Thomas Young, President, Philly World Trade Center

4:00 – 4:25 Public Comments (Oral)

Written comments that were submitted prior

4:25 – 4:30 Adjournment

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11:15 – 12:15 Working Group Updates

- Civil Rights in the Education System
- Expanding and Securing the Black Middle Class
- Postsecondary and Career Success for Black Americans
- Black Genius and Innovation

12:15 – 12:30 Transition

12:30 – 2:00 White Paper Working Lunch (Commissioners)

- Working Group Breakouts

2:00 – 2:15 Transition

2:15 – 2:45 Working Group Report Out

2:45 – 3:00 Adjournment & Next Steps

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