

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency**

Muriel Bowser
Mayor



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**HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION
QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Friday, April 12, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001
Room 1112, floor 11 south**

Homeland Security Commission Attendees: David Heyman, Joanna Turner, Phil McNamara, Brad Belzak, Edward Pearson, Brian Baker, Meloyde Batten-Mickens

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Attendees: Donell Harvin, Sarah Case-Herron, Jason Rubinstein, and Madison Soltys

Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia Attendee: Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll

District of Columbia Department of Human Services Attendee: Rhamsye Brown

Meeting began at approximately 12:11 p.m.

Note: No members of the public were present.

David Heyman, Homeland Security Commission (HSC) Chair, called the meeting to order. He noted there were four (4) Commissioners physically present, including Edward, Joanna, Meloyde and himself. He noted that Brian, Brad and Phil called in. David noted the HSC had distinguished associates from the District of Columbia who were present. David stated that the HSC was working to assess how the District responds to large-scale incidents in terms of response and recovery. David remarked that the HSC was pleased to have Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of the District of Columbia and Rhamsye Brown, the District of Columbia Department of Human Services (DHS) Interim Chief Emergency Management Officer.

Sarah Case-Herron noted that Donell Harvin, the Chief of Preparedness was present from the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA).

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David noted that the agenda included reviewing the minutes, discussing the study, having presentations from the invitees, discussing the status of the 2018 report on Cyber, and then talking about the 2019 report. David asked if there were any requests to change the agenda.

Phil noted that he was sorry that he couldn't be at the meeting in person. Phil acknowledged in the agenda that the HSC was going to get briefings on mass care. Phil expressed desire to discuss the 2018 report status before moving on to these 2019 report items in the agenda.

David indicated that the open portion of the meeting was in session and he asked Phil if he wanted to have this discussion now.

Phil noted he would be glad to discuss this in an open or closed session.

David acknowledged Phil's comments and proposed holding an executive discussion with only the HSC Commissioners to allow further discussion on the 2018 report, after the briefings with the guests.

Phil thanked the attendees for being present and apologized again for not being at the meeting in person.

David noted that no members of the public were present and moved for a closed session.

Sarah Case-Herron asked if the HSC would like to vote to close the meeting. All Commissioners voted in favor of closing the meeting.

End of open meeting recording.

Meeting was reopened to the public at approximately 2:15 p.m.

David Heyman stated the HSC was wrapping up the meeting. David summarized by noting they had excellent briefings from Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll on priorities, topics, and background on MPD engagements in homeland security. The HSC had two (2) other equally impressive briefings from Rhamsye Browns from DHS and Donell Harvin from HSEMA. David noted that these briefings were helpful for the HSC as they considered their study, which involved looking at large scale incidents and the District's preparedness posture. David also noted the HSC had discussed the 2018 report and stated they were awaiting final approval.

The Commissioners voted to approve the draft open meeting minutes from Friday, March 1. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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David Heyman motioned to close the meeting and the Commissioners unanimously voted in favor.

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End of open meeting recording.

Adjourn