

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

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



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Director

**HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20001**  
**Room 1112, Floor 11 South**

**Commission Member Attendees:** Joanna Turner, Edward Pearson, Brad Belzak, and Meloyde Batten-Mickens

**HSEMA Attendees:** Sarah Case-Herron, Jason Rubinstein, and Madison Soltys

**Hagerty Consulting:** Brian Baker

*Meeting began at approximately 3:10 pm.*

The meeting opened with a series of introductions, starting with D.C. Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) staff and then the D.C. Homeland Security Commission (HSC).

Meloyde Batten-Mickens introduced herself as Facilities Director of Prince George's Community College. She welcomed new Commissioners, Joanna Turner and Edward Pearson, and expressed interest in sharing and learning new information with her colleagues.

Edward Pearson introduced himself and noted his recent retirement after 30 years of service. During the last seven years, he served as Deputy Chief of Operations for the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. He expressed excitement to bring new ideas to the table as a part of the Commission.

Joanna Turner introduced herself. She noted that she worked for the Hershey Company and had a long-standing career in transportation policy. Her background in transportation prompted the Mayor's request that she participate in the Commission. She expressed that she looks forward to contributing to the HSC's work and appreciates this chance to engage with homeland security experts.

Brad Belzak introduced himself, noted he has served on the Commission for just over a year, and he has 17 years of homeland security experience between the public and private sector. He expressed excitement to work with everyone.

Brian Baker introduced himself as Vice President of Hagerty Consulting. He thanked the HSC for accommodating him over the phone. He noted he is normally based in D.C. but has been temporarily stationed in California in light of the recent wildfires. He expressed that he previously worked for HSEMA, where he served in several leadership roles including Chief of Staff, Deputy Director, and Interim Director. He noted that it's an honor to work with this body.

Before closing the meeting, Sarah Case-Herron mentioned past draft meeting minutes and asked if the Commissioners would vote to finalize. The Commissioners voted to approve the past meeting minutes and thereafter motioned to close the meeting. Sarah Case-Herron also noted that any open meeting minutes would be posted to HSEMA's website and would be available to the public.

*Note: No members of the public were present.*

All Commissioners unanimously voted to close the open portion of the meeting.

**End of open meeting.**

The Commission voted to reopen the meeting to the public at roughly 4:10 pm.

Sarah Case-Herron noted the meeting was re-opened to the public.

*Note: No members of the public were present.*

The Commissioners promptly decided to end the meeting.

***Adjourn***