



## **Notice of Public Briefing of the West Virginia Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of public briefing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the West Virginia Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public briefing via Zoom. The purpose of the briefing is to hear testimony from officials and staff from the WV Department of Education on the civil rights impacts that exclusionary and punitive disciplinary policies, practices, and procedures may have on students of color, students with disabilities and LGBTQ+ students in West Virginia public schools.

**DATES:** Friday, September 29, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Zoom.

*Meeting Link (Audio/Visual):* <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602346859>

*Join by Phone (Audio Only):* 1-833-435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 160 234 6859#

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy Davis, Director of Eastern Regional Office and Designated Federal Officer, at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov) or 1-202-539-8468.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Committee meeting is available to the public through the meeting link above. Any interested member of the public may attend this meeting. Immediately after the briefing concludes the Committee Chair will recognize members of the public to make a brief statement to the Committee on the panel topic—not to exceed five minutes—as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of this meeting will include a list of persons who attended the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls initiated over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls

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Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be emailed within 30 days following the scheduled meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Ivy Davis at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-202-809-9618.

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#### Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Welcome
- III. Panel Briefing - WV Department of Education (WVDE) Officials
  - Michele L. Blatt, Superintendent, WVDE – Invited
  - Names of Other Officials & Staff to be Provided
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Closing Remarks
- VI. Adjourn

**Dated:** August 24, 2023.

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