



Save The Date - Virtual Public Briefing
Inaugural Public Meeting
November 9, 2021 | Washington, DC

The [Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys](#) (CSSBMB) will hold its first meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

DATE:

Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

LOCATION:

The Public Briefing will be [live-streamed](#).

AGENDA:

1:00 – 3:00 PM ET*

ABOUT THE COMMISSION:

The Commission on Social Status of Black Men and Boys (CSSBMB) Act was introduced by Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson (D-FL24) during several sessions of Congress and signed into law in 2020 after the brutal murder of George Floyd.

The Commission is the culmination of nearly three decades spent championing on behalf of this demographic. While serving as a principal at Miami's Skyway Elementary School, the congresswoman discovered that the behavioral issues she noticed among black male students were directly tied to the absence of male role models at home. In response, she founded the 5000 Role Models of Excellence, an in-school, drop-out prevention program that has sent thousands of black boys to college and other post-secondary opportunities and has raised millions of dollars for scholarships. Thirty years later, as a member of Congress, the Florida lawmaker continues to advocate for Black men and boys.

CSSBMB is a 19-member, bipartisan commission whose mission is to:

- Conduct a systematic study of the conditions affecting Black men and boys, including homicide rates, arrest and incarceration rates, poverty, violence, fatherhood, mentorship, drug abuse, death rates, disparate income and wealth levels, school performance at all grade levels, including postsecondary education and college, and health issues.
- Examine trends regarding Black males and report on the community impacts of relevant government programs within the scope such topics.

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- Propose measures to alleviate and remedy the underlying causes of the conditions described in the statute, which may include recommendations of changes to the law, recommendations for how to implement related policies, and recommendations for how to create, develop, or improve upon government programs.

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