



The U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

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Fourth Quarter Business Meeting

September 16, 2024 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Eastern Standard Time

The **U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys (CSSBMB)** will hold a Q4 business meeting and briefing to discuss CSSBMB business, theme highlights on Black male education and disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline, event updates and a commission-wide vision and strategic plan for 2025. The meeting is open to the public.

DATE: Monday, September 16, 2024

LOCATION:

The meeting will be livestreamed on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' (USCCR) official YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/usccr.

AGENDA:

- 1. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Invocation
 - c. Acknowledgment of Attendees

- 2. Adoption of the Agenda**
 - a. Review and Approval

3. Theme Highlight: Elevate to Educate

- a. Keynote Address: "Elevate to Educate: The Power of Black Male Education"
- b. Discussion on the Importance of Black Male Education
- c. Focusing on how education is the cornerstone of empowerment and advancement for Black males.

4. Events Overview: CBC ALC Weekend

- a. Recap of Key Events
 - i. Overview of significant events, panels, and sessions that align with our mission.
- b. Panel Discussion Recap: "Don't Build a Jail for Me: Prevention, Not Detention and Policing in the Black Community"
- c. A summary of insights, strategies, and outcomes from the panel discussion focused on disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

5. Directors Report

- a. Current Status and Achievements
 - i. Review of initiatives and progress made in the last quarter.
- b. Challenges and Opportunities
 - i. Discussion of ongoing challenges and potential opportunities for growth.

6. Vision for 2025: Elevate to Educate

- a. Strategic Plan Presentation: "Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline"
 - i. Unveiling our comprehensive plan to focus on education as the primary tool to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline in 2025.
- b. Future Initiatives
 - i. Introduction of upcoming programs and collaborations aimed at enhancing educational opportunities for Black males.

7. Acknowledgments of Contributors and Partners

- a. Special Recognition
 - i. Highlighting key individuals and organizations that have made a significant impact.

8. Open Floor

- a. Commissioner Comments and Questions
 - i. Open discussion for Commissioners to share thoughts, feedback, and suggestions.

9. Closing Remarks

- a. Summary and Next Steps
- b. Adjournment

*Schedule subject to change

About the Commission

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

- Conduct a systematic study of the conditions and disparities impacting Black men and boys, focused on key issue areas that include criminal justice, civil rights, education, health and housing, and labor and employment;
- Examine hot button issues and trends regarding Black males and report on the community impact of relevant government programs within the scope of priority topics listed above, and;
- Propose measures to alleviate and remedy underlying causes of the conditions described in the statute via an annual report which may include law change recommendations, policy recommendations, and guidance to Congress and the President of the United States.

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