

HISTORY OF PSC CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMISSIONERS

(Chairpersons are noted in red; Yellow highlights reflect period when the DC Commissioners were also the PSC Commissioners; Blue highlights reflect the beginning of Home Rule wherein a third full-time Commissioner position was added and the Mayor appointed the Commissioners with the approval of the DC Council. The Commissioners elected the Chairperson until 1984 when the Council passed legislation allowing the Mayor to appoint the Chairperson – beginning with Chairperson Patricia Worthy)

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10/13/14	1913	Lt. Col. Chester Harding (DC Engineer Commissioner)	3/10/1913		Cuno H Rudolph (Banker)	3/10/1913	7/19/1913	John A. Johnston	Not eligible	
		Lt. Col. Chester Harding			Oliver P. Newman (News paperman)	7/19/1913		Frederick L. Siddons (Lawyer)	7/19/1913	
6/21/15	1914	Lt. Col. Chester Harding		10/31/1914	Oliver P. Newman			Frederick L. Siddons		
		Major Charles W. Kutz (DC Engineer Commissioner)	10/31/1914		Oliver P. Newman			Frederick L. Siddons		
7/20/16	1915	Major Charles W. Kutz			Oliver P. Newman			Frederick L. Siddons		1/20/15
		Major Charles W. Kutz			Oliver P. Newman			Louis Brownlow (Lawyer)	1/26/1915	
6/30/17	1916	Major Charles W. Kutz			Oliver P. Newman			Louis Brownlow		
10/21/18	1917	Major Charles W. Kutz			Oliver P. Newman		8/31/1917	Louis Brownlow		

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		Major Charles W. Kutz		7/16/1917	W. Gwynn Gardiner – Lawyer	10/9/1917		Louis Brownlow		
		General J.G.D. Knight (DC Engineer Commissioner)	7/16/1917		W. Gwynn Gardiner (Lawyer)			Louis Brownlow as of 7/16/1917		
8/8/19	1918	General J.G.D. Knight		12/16/1918	W. Gwynn Gardiner			Louis Brownlow		
		Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz (DC Engineer Commissioner)	12/16/1918		W. Gwynn Gardiner			Louis Brownlow		
6/2/20	1919	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			W. Gwynn Gardiner		11/22/1919	Louis Brownlow		
6/8/21	1920	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			Vacant			Louis Brownlow		9/15/1920
		Brig. Gen Charles W. Kutz			Mable T. Boardman	9/25/20		J. Thilman Hendrick (Banker)	9/17/1920	
5/11/22	1921	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			Mable T. Boardman		3/4/1921	J. Thilman Hendrick (Banker)		3/4/1921
		Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz		10/5/1921	Cuno Rudolph (Banker & former Commissioner)	3/15/1921		James Oyster (Merchant)	3/15/1921	
		Col. Charles Keller (DC Engineer Commissioner)	10/6/1921		Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		

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4/30/23	1922	Col. Charles Keller			Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		
5/16/24	1923	Col. Charles Keller		4/11/1923	Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		
		Major J. Franklin Bell (DC Engineer Commissioner)	6/25/1923		Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		
5/15/25	1924	Col. J Franklin Bell			Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		
5/1/26	1925	Col. J Franklin Bell			Cuno Rudolph			James Oyster		5/19/1925 (died)
		Col. J Franklin Bell			Cuno Rudolph			Frederick A. Fenning (Lawyer)	6/5/1925	
1927	1926	Col. J Franklin Bell			Cuno H. Rudolph			Frederick A. Fenning		8/2/1926 – resigned
		Col. J Franklin Bell			Cuno H. Rudolph		12/3/1926 - resigned	Procter L. Dougherty (Engineer)	8/4/1926	
		Col. J Franklin Bell			Sidney F. Taliaferro (Lawyer)	12/11/1926		Procter L. Dougherty		
6/1/28	1927	Col. J Franklin Bell			Sidney F. Taliaferro		3/7/1927	Procter L. Dougherty		3/7/1927
		Col. J Franklin Bell		6/23/1927	John W. Childress – (Manufacturer)	3/7/1927		Harrison Brand, Jr. – Vice Chair (Lawyer/Engineer)	3/7/1927	
		Col. William B. Ladue (DC Engineer Commissioner)	6/23/1927		John W. Childress			Harrison Brand, Jr. – Vice Chair		
3/4/29	1928	Col. William B. Ladue			John W. Childress			Harrison Brand, Jr- Vice Chair.		6/30/1928 – term ended but given

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		Col. William B. Ladue			John W. Childress			Harrison Brand, Jr. – Vice Chair		
5/1/30	1929	Col. William B. Ladue			John W. Childress			Harrison Brand, Jr. – Vice Chair		3/4/1929
		Col. William B. Ladue			John W. Childress		5/31/1929 - resigned	Harleigh H. Hartman – Vice Chair (Lawyer)	5/31/1929	
		Col. William B. Ladue			Gen. Mason M. Patrick (U.S. Army)	6/1/1929		Harleigh H. Hartman – Vice Chair (Lawyer)		
5/1/31	1930	Col. William B. Ladue		7/21/1930 - transferred	Gen. Mason M. Patrick			Harleigh H. Hartman – Vice Chair		
		Maj. John C. Gotwals (DC Engineer Commissioner)	7/21/1930		Gen. Mason M. Patrick			Harleigh H. Hartman – Vice Chair		
5/15/32	1931	Maj. John C. Gotwals			Gen. Mason M. Patrick			Harleigh H. Hartman – Vice Chair		12/15/1931
5/15/33	1932	Maj. John C. Gotwals			Gen. Mason M. Patrick			Riley E. Elgen – Vice Chair (Engineer)	1/20/1932	
5/15/34	1933	Maj. John C. Gotwals			Gen. Mason M. Patrick		9/30/1933 - resigned	Riley E. Elgen – Vice Chair		
5/15/35	1934	Maj. John C. Gotwals			Gen. Mason M. Patrick			Riley E. Elgen – Vice Chair		
		Maj. John C. Gotwals		8/22/1934	Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair (Lawyer)	5/2/1934		Riley E. Elgen		

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		Lt. Col. Dan I. Sultan (DC Engineer Commissioner)	8/22/1934		Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
5/15/36	1935	Lt. Col. Dan I. Sultan			Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
9/1/37	1936	Lt. Col. Dan I. Sultan			Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
?	1937	Lt. Col. Dan I. Sultan			Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
?	1938	Lt. Col. Dan I. Sultan		9/5/1938	Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
		Col. David McCoach, Jr (DC Engineer Commissioner)	9/7/1938		Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
?	1939	Col. David McCoach, Jr			Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair			Riley E. Elgen		
?	1940	Col. David McCoach, Jr			Richmond B. Keech – Vice Chair		10/31/1940 (became General Counsel)	Riley E. Elgen		
1/13/43	1941	Col. David McCoach			Vacant			Riley E. Elgen		2/28/1941
		Col. David McCoach		5/15/1941	Vacant			Vacant		
		Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz (DC	5/20/1941		Vacant			Gregory Hankin (Lawyer)	11//8/1941	

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		Engineer Commissioner)								
7/14/43	1942	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			James H. Flanagan – Vice Chair	2/21/1942		Gregory Hankin (Chair until 8/31/42)		
?	1943	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			James H. Flanagan (Accountant)	8/31/1942 as Chair		Gregory Hankin		
?	1944	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			James H. Flanagan			Gregory Hankin		6/30/1944
		Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz			James H. Flanagan			James Francis Reilly (Lawyer)	7/24/1944	
?	1945	Brig. Gen. Charles W. Kutz		9/24/1945	James H. Flanagan			James Francis Reilly		
		Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young (DC Engineer Commissioner)	9/25/1945		James H. Flanagan			James Francis Reilly		9/30/1945
	1946	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			Vacant		
		Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			James W. Lauderdale (Lawyer & former People's Counsel)	10/25/1946	
	1947	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			James W. Lauderdale		

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	1948	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			James W. Lauderdale		
8/15/50	1949	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			James W. Lauderdale		11/30/1949
5/31/51	1950	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			Vacant		
		Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young			James H. Flanagan			Kenneth W. Spencer (Engineer)	3/25/1950	
	1951	Brig. Gen. Gordon R. Young		5/31/1951	James H. Flanagan			Kenneth W. Spencer		
		Brig. Gen. Bernard L. Robinson (DC Engineer Commissioner) Engineer	6/1/1951		James H. Flanagan			Kenneth W. Spencer		
	1952	Brig. Gen. Bernard L. Robinson		12/31/1952	James H. Flanagan			Kenneth W. Spencer		
6/10/54	1953	Brig. Gen. Louis W. Prentiss (DC Engineer Commissioner)	1/2/1953		James H. Flanagan		2/28/1953	Kenneth W. Spencer		
		Brig. Gen. Louis W. Prentiss			Robert E. McLaughlin (Lawyer)	5/23/1953		Kenneth W. Spencer - 2/1/53		5/31/1953
		Brig. Gen. Louis W. Prentiss			Robert E. McLaughlin			Robert M. Weston (Lawyer)	8/6/1953	

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6/6/55	1954	Brig. Gen. Louis W. Prentiss		12/9/1954	Robert E. McLaughlin			Robert M. Weston		
		Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane (DC Engineer Commissioner)	12/10/1954		Robert E. McLaughlin			Robert M. Weston		
6/26/56	1955	Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane			Robert E. McLaughlin		6/1/1955	Robert M. Weston		
		Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane			George E.C. Hayes (Lawyer)	6/2/1955		Robert M. Weston		
7/9/57	1956	Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane - Engineer			George E.C. Hayes			Robert M. Weston		6/30/1956
		Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane - Engineer			George E.C. Hayes			John Louis Smith, Jr. (Vice Chair0	7/19/1956	
	1957	Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Lane - Engineer		7/31/1957	George E.C. Hayes			John Louis Smith, Jr.		
		Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling (DC Engineer Commissioner)	8/1/1957		George E.C. Hayes			John Louis Smith, Jr		9/5/1957
		Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling			George E.C. Hayes			Howard A. Kertz (Lawyer)	10/16/1957	

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	1958	Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling			George E.C. Hayes			Howard A. Kertz		
	1959	Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling			George E.C. Hayes			Howard A. Kertz		
	1960	Brig. Gen. A.C. Welling		7/1/1960	George E.C. Hayes			Howard A. Kertz		
		Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke (DC Engineer Commissioner)	8/1/1960		George E.C. Hayes			Howard A. Kertz		
	1961	Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke			George E.C. Hayes		6/30/1961	Howard A. Kertz – Vice Chair		
		Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke			Vacant			Howard A. Kertz – Vice Chair		
		Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke			James A. Washington, Jr. (Lawyer)	10/2/1961		Howard A. Kertz – Vice Chair		
	1962	Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke			James A. Washington			Howard A. Kertz – Vice Chair		6/30/1962
		Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke			James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair (Economist)	8/6/1962	
	1963	Brig. Gen. F.J. Clarke		7/8/1963	James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair		
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke (DC Engineer Commissioner)	7/8/1963		James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair		
	1964	Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair		
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair		

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	1965	Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			Edgar H. Bernstein – Vice Chair		6/30/1965
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			Vacant		
	1966	Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			Vacant		
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington			George A. Avery (Lawyer)	3/16/1966	
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke			James A. Washington		10/7/1966 - resigned	George A. Avery		
		Brig. Gen. C.M. Duke		12/1/1966 –assigned to active duty	William L. Porter (C.P.A. and Lawyer)	11/7/66		George A. Avery		
		Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mathe (DC Engineer Commissioner)	12/14/1966		William L. Porter			George Avery		
	1967	Brig. Gen. Robert E. Mathe		11/2/1967	William L. Porter			George A. Avery		
	1968	Thomas W. Fletcher (also Deputy Mayor)	1/11/1968		William L. Porter			George A. Avery		
	1969	Thomas W. Fletcher		12/15/1969	William L. Porter			George A. Avery		
	1970	Graham W. Watt (also Deputy Mayor)	1/15/1970		William L. Porter		6/30/1970	George A. Avery		
		Graham W. Watt			Vacant			George A. Avery		

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	1971	Graham W. Watt			Jeremiah C. Waterman (Lawyer)	1/5/1971		George A. Avery		6/12/1971
		Graham W. Watt			Jeremiah C. Waterman			Vacant		
		Graham W. Watt			Jeremiah C. Waterman			H. Mason Neely (Lawyer)	12/22/1971	
	1972	Graham W. Watt			Jeremiah C. Waterman			H. Mason Neely		
	1973	Graham W. Watt		1/31/1973	Jeremiah C. Waterman			H. Mason Neely		
		Vacant			Jeremiah C. Waterman			H. Mason Neely		
		Douglas N. Schneider, Jr. (Lawyer)	5/2/1973		Jeremiah C. Waterman		6/30/1973	H. Mason Neely		
		Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.			Vacant			H. Mason Neely- Acting Chair		
		Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.			William R. Stratton (Lawyer)	12/4/1973		H. Mason Neely – Acting Chair		
	1974	Douglas N. Schneider, Jr.		1/1/1974	William R. Stratton			H. Mason Neely – Vice Chair		
	1975	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt (Lawyer)	3/5/1975		William R. Stratton			H. Mason Neely – Vice Chair		
	1976	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			William R. Stratton			H. Mason Neely – Vice Chair		
	1977	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			William R. Stratton			H. Mason Neely – Vice Chair		6/30/1977 (died in March 1980)
		Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			William R. Stratton			Elizabeth Patterson (Lawyer)	11/30/1977	

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	1978	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			William R. Stratton			Elizabeth Patterson		
	1979	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			William R. Stratton		6/30/1979	Elizabeth Patterson		
		Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Vacant			Elizabeth Patterson		
	1980	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Vacant			Elizabeth Patterson		
		Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long (Ph.D. Economist)	3/28/1980		Elizabeth Patterson		6/30/1980
		Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy Clement (Lawyer)	8/8/1980	
	1981	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy Clement		
	1982	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1983	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1984	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
		Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy – effective 7/1/84		
	1985	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1986	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1987	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1988	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt			Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		

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	1989	Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt		9/29/1989 (died 4/12/2007)	Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
		Belva C. Newsome (Lawyer)	12/1/1989		Wesley H. Long			Patricia M. Worthy		
	1990	Belva C. Newsome			Wesley H. Long		8/31/1990	Patricia M. Worthy		
		Belva C. Newsome			Edward M. Meyers (DC Government Official)	7/27/1990		Patricia M. Worthy		
	1991	Belva C. Newsome			Edward M. Meyers			Patricia M. Worthy		12/31/1990
		Belva C. Newsome			Edward M. Meyers			Howard C. Davenport Lawyer & (former DCPSC General Counsel)	1/1/1991	
	1992	Belva C. Newsome		12/31/1992	Edward M. Meyers			Howard C. Davenport		
	1993	Agnes M. Alexander (Lawyer)	1/10/1993		Edward M. Meyers			Howard C. Davenport		
	1994	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Howard C. Davenport		
	1995	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Howard C. Davenport		2/28/1995
		Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers – Acting Chair effective 3/1/1990			Vacant		
		Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Marlene Johnson (Lawyer)	12/4/1995	

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	1996	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Marlene Johnson		
	1997	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Marlene Johnson		
	1998	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Marlene Johnson		
	1999	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers			Marlene Johnson		9/30/1999
		Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers – Acting Chair			Vacant		
	2000	Agnes M. Alexander			Edward M. Meyers – Acting Chair			Angel Cartagena (Lawyer & former DCPSC & FCC Attorney)	7/1/2000	
	2001	Agnes A. Yates			Edward M. Meyers – Acting Chair			Angel Cartagena		
	2002	Agnes A. Yates			Edward M. Meyers – Acting Chair		2/3/2002 - resigned	Angel Cartagena		
		Agnes A. Yates			Vacant			Angel Cartagena		
		Agnes A. Yates			Anthony M. Rachal (Lawyer)	7/14/2002		Angel Cartagena		
	2003	Agnes A. Yates			Anthony M. Rachal			Angel Cartagena		5/30/2003
		Agnes A. Yates	6/4/2003		Anthony M. Rachal			Richard E. Morgan (Economist and former DCPSC staff)	7/22/2003	
	2004	Agnes A. Yates			Anthony M. Rachal			Richard E. Morgan		

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	2005	Agnes A. Yates			Anthony M. Rachal			Richard E. Morgan		
	2006	Agnes A. Yates			Anthony M. Rachal		12/31/2006	Richard E. Morgan		
	2007	Agnes A. Yates			Vacant			Richard E. Morgan		
		Agnes A. Yates			Betty Ann Kane (former DC Councilwoman and DC Government agency head)	3/6/2007		Richard E. Morgan		
	2008	Agnes A. Yates		12/31/2008	Betty Ann Kane			Richard E. Morgan		
	2009	Vacant			Betty Ann Kane			Richard E. Morgan		
		Lori Murphy Lee (Lawyer)	3/17/2009		Betty Ann Kane			Richard E. Morgan		
	2010	Lori Murphy Lee			Betty Ann Kane			Richard E. Morgan		
	2011	Lori Murphy Lee			Betty Ann Kane			Richard E. Morgan		12/31/2011
	2012	Lori Murphy Lee		10/2/2012	Betty Ann Kane			Vacant		
		Joanne Doddy Fort (Lawyer)	10/3/2012		Betty Ann Kane			Vacant		
	2013	Joanne Doddy Fort			Betty Ann Kane			Vacant		
	2014	Joanne Doddy Fort			Betty Ann Kane			Willie L. Phillips (Lawyer)	8/1/2014	
	2015	Joanne Doddy Fort			Betty Ann Kane			Willie L. Phillips		

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	2016	Joanne Doddy Fort		12/20/2016	Betty Ann Kane			Willie L. Phillips		
		Richard A. Beverly (Lawyer)	12/21/2016	Term ends 6/30/2020	Betty Ann Kane			Willie L. Phillips		
	2017	Richard A Beverly			Betty Ann Kane			Willie L. Phillips		
	2018	Richard A Beverly			Betty Ann Kane		12/17/2018	Willie L. Phillips		
	2018	Richard A Beverly			Greer J Gillis (Engineer)	12/18/2018	Term ends 6/30/2022	Willie L. Phillips	12/18/2018	Term ends 6/20/2022
	2019	Richard A Beverly			Greer J Gillis			Willie L. Phillips		

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