

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



IN RE: Aretha Chapman

Respondent

CASE No.: 24-0009-F

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a), and 3 DCMR § 5502.2, this is to notify you that a hearing has been scheduled in the above captioned matter, beginning on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., and to be continued as may be necessary on November 15, at such times to be determined by the Board. The hearing will be held at the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, located at 1030 15th Street N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20005.

The hearing will be open and adversarial, and the Director of Government Ethics, or her delegee, shall present evidence of the violations alleged in the Notice of Violation.¹ The hearing shall be of record and shall be held in accordance with section 10(b) and (c) of the Administrative Procedure Act² and the rules of the Board, including 3 DCMR §§ 5507 and 5517.

The parties may bring witnesses. The parties may seek to compel the presence of a witness by a subpoena issued by the Board consistent with 3 DCMR § 5523. If a party or witness is deaf, or because of a hearing impediment cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English

¹ D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.14(a)(1).

² D.C. Official Code § 2-509(b) and -509(c).

language, the party may apply to the Board for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.³ Any witness has the right to refuse to answer a question that might tend to incriminate him or her by claiming the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.⁴

If any party waives the right to be present at the hearing or fails to appear at the hearing, the Board may proceed *ex parte*, unless the Board extends the time of the hearing.⁵



NORMA HUTCHESON
Chairperson
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

June 18, 2024

Date

³ D.C. Official Code § 2-509(a).

⁴ D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.14(c).

⁵ 3 DCMR § 5503.4

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, on this 18th day of June 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished to Respondent via email at the following address:

F. Douglas Hartnett
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/s/ Lynn Y. Tran

Lynn Y. Tran
Senior Attorney Advisor
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

June 18, 2024

Date