



Presidential Religious Liberty Commission

Run of Show

The following is a run of show for a Religious Liberty Commission hearing. Please note some administrative details are redacted to protect the security and privacy of Commission members.



The United States Department of Justice
Religious Liberty Commission – Run of Show for First Hearing
Commission Members and Witnesses
June 16, 2025

██████: Chairman convenes Commission Members, Witnesses, Brittany Baldwin, and Mary Margaret Bush in the ██████ ██████ to review run of show for the day.

██████ Commission Members proceed from ██████ and enter, stage left, to take their seats on stage. Seating will be indicated by place cards.

White House representative ██████ will be available to lead members. See p 5 for stage layout and seating chart, subject to change.

8:59 am: DFO calls the meeting into session.

“Good morning. Welcome to the inaugural meeting of the White House Religious Liberties Commission. I am Mary Margaret Bush, the Commission’s Director, and I am honored to announce the official opening of our proceedings today. Bishop Robert Barron will now lead us in prayer, and Commission Chairman, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, Dan Patrick will then provide introductory remarks.”

DFO exits, ██████.

9:00-9:05: Opening prayer by Bishop Barron

9:05 – 9:10: Chairman Patrick calls the meeting to order and provides introductory remarks.

9:10-9:20: Commission member opening remarks (60 seconds each), in the following order:

Dr. Carson

Cardinal Dolan

Bishop Barron

Pastor White

Carrie Prejean Boller

Rabbi Soloveichik

Dr. Ryan Anderson

Allyson Ho

Kelly Shackelford

Chairman Patrick closes, providing
brief overview of the day

Dr. Phil McGraw

Chairman Patrick briefly introduces morning witnesses.

Witnesses enter, [REDACTED], and take their seats in order: Mark Rienzi, Prof. Bradley, Dr. Hall. [REDACTED] will lead witnesses to stage.

9:20 – 9:30 am: [Mark Rienzi](#), President and CEO of the Becket Fund

9:30 – 9:40 am: [Gerard Bradley](#), Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School

9:40 – 10:30 am: Commission Members ask Witnesses Questions

10:30 – 10:40: Break; *MOB Closes* [REDACTED] *Security*

10:45 – 10:55 am: [Mark David Hall](#), Professor in Robertson School of Government at Regent University

11:05 Chairman thanks witnesses, *as they depart*, [REDACTED], noting they will return for questions

11:10 Chairman transitions to introducing AG

11:15 am: AG Bondi

AG departs [REDACTED].

11:30 – 11:40 pm: [Barbara Elliott](#), Fellow of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology and Assistant Professor of Liberal Arts at Houston Christian University.

11:40 – 12:00 pm: Questions

Commission Members and Witnesses exit, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] *Reopens after AG* [REDACTED].

12:00 – 1:00 pm: Lunch break; lunch for Commission Members and witnesses will be available in the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]: *Commission Members and Afternoon Witnesses resume their seats on stage.*

1:00pm : Dr Anthony Schmidt, Director of Collections and Curation – Akin Bible

Afternoon session: Americans' Religious Liberties – a history over the last 250 years

Chairman Patrick briefly introduces afternoon witnesses.

1:00 – 1:10 pm: [Stephanie Barclay](#), [Professor of Law at Georgetown Law School](#)

1:10 – 1:20 pm: [Josh Blackman](#), [Associate Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law](#)

1:20 – 1:30 pm [Kristen Waggoner](#), CEO and President of Alliance Defending Freedom

1:30 – 2:30 pm: Commission Members Ask Questions

2:25 pm: Chairman Patrick closes and introduces Rabbi for the closing prayer.

2:30 pm: Closing prayer by Rabbi Soloveichik.