



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 Commissioners
Religious Liberty in Education September 29, 2025**

█ am: Doors open. Commissioners begin arriving █ for breakfast █

█ am: Commissioner meeting – █

█ am: Commissioners proceed to World Stage Theatre (reserved seats █)

8:59 am: DFO Mary Margaret Bush opens the meeting.

9:00 am: *In His Own Words* – Video Clips, Charlie on Religious Liberty

9:10 am: Commissioners assume seats.

Chairman Patrick introduces Rabbi Soloveichik to open in prayer.

9:20 am: Panel Discussion. Chairman Patrick briefly introduces guest witnesses.

1. Dr. Hutz Hertzberg
2. Pastor Jentezen Franklin
3. Eric Metaxas

10:00 am: *Break*

10:10 am: Remarks by Dr. Larry Arnn (10 min, include 10 min for Q&A)

10:30 am: Teachers and Coaches Panel (30 min)

1. [Coach Joe Kennedy](#) (Coach disciplined for praying on the field)
2. [Monica Gill](#) (Loudon County teacher disciplined for religious objection to preferred pronouns)
3. [Marisol Arroyo-Castro](#) (Teacher disciplined for displaying a cross in her private workspace)
4. Attorney: [Keisha Russell](#) (First Liberty)

11:00 am: Question and Answer (30 min)

Commission Members and Witnesses exit, █

11:30 pm: Lunch break: █



█ pm: *Mic check - Commission Members and Afternoon Witnesses resume their seats on stage.*

12:30 pm: Chairman reconvenes proceedings.

Afternoon Session: School Choice, Funding, School Autonomy

Chairman Patrick briefly introduces afternoon witnesses.

12:35 pm: Religious Liberty in Education: Protecting the Religious Identity and Autonomy of Faith-Based Schools (30 min)

1. [Rabbi David Zwiebel](#) (Jewish schools targeted by NYC zoning and accreditation regulations, advisory board)
2. [Fr. Robert Sirico](#) (Catholic school prohibited by Michigan law from including faith commitment in hiring criteria)
3. [Dr. Todd J. Williams](#) or [Dr. Adam Porcella](#), Cairn University (Protestant Christian school of social work which chose to close because of conflicts between Biblical values and the programmatic accreditation requirements)
4. Expert, [John Bursch](#) (former Solicitor General of Michigan, Supreme Court advocate)

1:05 pm: Commission Members question witnesses (30 min)

1:35 pm: Religious Liberty in Education: Partnerships between State and Faith (30 min)

1. [Carroll Conley](#), head of the Bangor Christian School (Christian school excluded from general school voucher program)
2. [Laura Wolk Slavis](#), on behalf of [Chaya and Yoni Loffman](#) (Jewish family denied special education funding for their student at Jewish school)
3. [Jason Bedrick](#) (Scholar on religious liberty and school choice)
4. [Prof. Nicole Stelle Garnett](#) (St. Isidore)

2:05 pm: Question and Answer (30 min)

2:35 pm: Closing Remarks: Religious Freedom in Education: Our Heritage and Our Future

1. [Dr. Francis Beckwith](#) Remarks (7 min)
2. Hannah Ruth Earl, Faith Director, Department of Education (6 min)

2:50 pm: Chairman Patrick closes and introduces a clergy member for the closing prayer.



STAGE LAYOUT

