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House of Representatives

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MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2026

To: Members, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

From: Committee Staff

Re: Committee Business Meeting

On **Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. ET, in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

- I. H.Res. _____, Recommending that the House of Representatives find Leon David Black in Contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

I. **H.Res. _____, Recommending that the House of Representatives find Leon David Black in Contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:**

A. **Summary**

Leon David Black willfully failed to comply with a deposition subpoena and a document production subpoena issued by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Oversight Committee) relating to its investigation of (i) the alleged mismanagement of the federal government's investigation into Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, (ii) the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Epstein's death, (iii) the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the federal government to effectively combat them, (iv) ways in which Epstein and Maxwell sought to curry favor and exercise influence to protect their illegal activities, and (v) potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials.

The Oversight Committee negotiated with counsel for Mr. Black for more than two months and agreed, at his request, to postpone his deposition date for nearly two months, and his document production date by two additional weeks. Yet Mr. Black chose to provide just one document responsive to the Oversight Committee's documents subpoena and refused to appear for his deposition before the Oversight Committee on September 3, 2026. His unwillingness to comply with the subpoenas, even after the Oversight Committee agreed to postpone the production deadline and the deposition, has interfered with the Oversight Committee's investigation.

Having exhausted all available options for obtaining compliance, the Chairman of the Oversight Committee recommends that the House of Representatives find Leon David Black in contempt for his failure to comply with the subpoenas issued to him to provide testimony in a deposition and produce documents.

B. **Amendments**

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

Staff contacts: Jack Emmer, Billy Grant, Ellison Tolan, and Brittany Brignac at (202) 225-5074.

II. AMENDMENT PROCESS:

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the Chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the Chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel directly to GOP Oversight Clerks at GOP.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a Subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the Chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.