

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-131-2021

Proposed by Council Member Hawkins

Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Taveras, Davis, Turner, Glaros, Harrison, Franklin

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 9, 2021

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 The Phase II P3 Alternative Financing School Infrastructure Work Group and Task Force
3 For the purpose of supporting and encouraging the creation of a collaborative work group that
4 will explore a second Public Private Partnership Alternative Financing School Infrastructure
5 Program (hereinafter called "Phase II P3 Alternative Financing School Infrastructure Work
6 Group") for public school construction and replacement projects in Prince Georges County and
7 the establishment of a task force that will be responsible for selecting the proposed second round
8 of schools under the above referenced program.

9 WHEREAS, the current fiscal situation of the County necessitates the ability to create new
10 and innovative methods to construct, finance, maintain, and operate public school construction
11 and replacement projects; and

12 WHEREAS, the Public Private Partnership (P3) concept offers an opportunity to create a
13 new method of constructing, financing, maintaining, and operating public school construction
14 and replacement projects without overburdening the County in terms of resources; and

15 WHEREAS, previously, the County Council pursuant to CR-33-2018 established a
16 collaborative entitled the "P3 Alternative Financing School Infrastructure Work Group"
17 composed of the County Council, the County Executive and the Prince George's County Public
18 School System (PGCPS); and

19 WHEREAS, the resulting projects created under that previous Work Group are now
20 underway; and

21 WHEREAS, there are additional PGCPS projects that need the P3 approach to constructing,
22 financing, maintaining, and operating PGCPS school construction and replacement projects; and

1 WHEREAS, the State of Maryland has successfully passed Senate Bill 551, which amended
2 the Build To Learn Act, in order for the State to participate in the new P3 process with Prince
3 George’s County, thereby demonstrating the State’s commitment to the P3 concept as it relates
4 to the financing of PGCPS school construction; and

5 WHEREAS, there is a need to form a new collaborative Work Group among the staff of the
6 County Council to be appointed by the County Council Administrator, the Office of the County
7 Executive to be appointed by the County Executive and the Prince George’s County Public
8 School System (PGCPS) to be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of PGCPS who will be
9 responsible for the background and research of the potential mix of schools, their justifications,
10 affordability, etc. in order to facilitate the fiscal and operational viability of the new P3 concept
11 as well as the optimum method of implementation of such a concept; and

12 WHEREAS, there is also a need to form a task force consisting of at least one State Elected
13 Official from the House of Delegates appointed by The Prince George’s County House
14 Delegation Chair, at least one State Elected Official from the Senate appointed by The Prince
15 George’s County Senate Delegation Chair, one representative from The Maryland Interagency
16 Commission on School Construction (IAC), one representative from the Maryland Stadium
17 Authority (MSA), at least one representative from the County Council appointed by the Council
18 Chair, at least one representative from the County Executive’s Office appointed by the County
19 Executive, at least one representative of the Board of Education appointed by the Board Chair,
20 Director from the Office of Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer from PGCPS,
21 Director of Capital Programs for PGCPS, Director of the Office of Alternative Infrastructure
22 Planning and Development for PGCPS, the PGCPS Chief Executive Officer or designee, and
23 County Council Administrator or designee will be responsible for selecting the proposed second
24 round of schools to go forth and seek approval from PGCPS Board of Education; and

25 WHEREAS, the County Executive and the PGCPS agree to the creation of such a
26 collaborative Work Group and Task Force.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
28 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council does hereby encourage, support and
29 will participate in the Phase II P3 Alternative Financing School Infrastructure Work Group
30 among the County Council, the County Executive and the PGCPS in order to determine the fiscal
31 and operational viability of the P3 concept as well as the optimum method of implementation of

1 the P3 concept for the financing of PGCPS school construction and replacement projects.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council, the County Executive and the
3 PGCPS shall work collaboratively to draft a Request for Proposal for a public-private-
4 partnership advisory firm to advise them on developing a P3 model for PGCPS school
5 construction and replacement projects and to select such an advisory firm.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advisory firm selected shall assist in the draft of a
7 solicitation for a public-private partnership team to serve as a P3 partner, evaluation of the
8 proposals submitted by the P3 bidders, and the selection and negotiation of a P3 agreement with
9 the selected P3 partner.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that the Prince George's County Council does hereby encourage, support and will
12 participate in the Task Force which should consist of at least one State Elected Official from the
13 House of Delegates appointed by The Prince George's County House Delegation Chair, at least
14 one State Elected Official from the Senate appointed by The Prince George's County Senate
15 Delegation Chair, one representative from The Maryland Interagency Commission on School
16 Construction (IAC), one representative from the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA), at least
17 one representative from the County Council appointed by the Council Chair, at least one
18 representative from the County Executive's Office appointed by the County Executive, at least
19 one representative of the Board of Education appointed by the Board Chair, Director from the
20 Office of Management and Budget, Chief Financial Officer from PGCPS, Director of Capital
21 Programs for PGCPS, Director of the Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and
22 Development for PGCPS, the PGCPS Chief Executive Officer or designee, and County Council
23 Administrator or designee. The Director of the Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and
24 Development for PGCPS is designated as Chair of the Task Force.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force will be responsible for selecting the
26 proposed second round of schools to go forth and seek approval from PGCPS Board of
27 Education.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Phase II P3 Alternative Financing School
29 Infrastructure Work Group will provide quarterly status reports to the County Executive, the
30 County Council, the Prince George's County Board of Education, and the Chief Executive
31 Officer of the Prince George's County Public Schools, summarizing the status of implementation

1 and execution of the Work Group’s overall work plan, key initiatives or studies underway,
2 results and conclusions reached to date, additional initiatives or studies planned, and an overall
3 estimated timetable for the completion of the Work Group’s work plan and delivery of final
4 recommendations for program implementation. The first quarterly report will be due on March
5 1, 2022.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the County Council provides a copy of
7 this Resolution to Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., Governor, State of Maryland, Senate President William
8 C. Ferguson IV, House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones, Chair of the Prince George’s County Senate
9 Delegation, the Chair of the Prince George’s County House Delegation, the Prince George’s
10 County Board of Education and the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George’s County
11 Public Schools.

Adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council