

March 15, 2022

Ms. Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council
Prince George's County Council
Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Drive
Largo, Maryland 20774

RE: Attendance and Voting Records, Council Member Edward Burroughs

Madame Clerk:

On Monday, March 14, 2022, the County Council met in closed session to discuss a personnel matter in accordance with Section 3-305, General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. During the closed session, the Council was advised that a clerical error within the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County resulted in the premature administration of the Oath of Office to Council Member Edward Burroughs on February 15, 2022. We were further advised that the Clerk of the Circuit Court was without the required Commission of Office signed by the Governor of Maryland until Friday, March 11, 2022. As a result, we were informed that, because his Commission was not received until March 11, Council Member Burroughs's February 15, 2022, swearing in was invalid. Consequently, the Clerk of the Circuit Court administered the official Oath of Office on the morning of March 14, 2022, prior to the start of Council business for the day.

As you are aware, Council Member Burroughs attended and, in good faith, participated in the business of the County Council between February 15 and March 13, 2022, in the capacity of a Council Member, albeit erroneously. Based on its discussion of this matter during yesterday's closed session, the Council hereby directs that the Council Journal and vote records for the period of February 15 to March 13, 2022, reflect the removal of Council Member Burroughs's attendance and votes and that Council Member Burrough's term of office be revised to begin on March 14, 2022.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

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