

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2019 Legislative Session**

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**REPORT:** Favorable, 4-0 In Favor: Council Members Davis, Dernoga, Hawkins, and Streeter.  
Absent: Anderson-Walker

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on June 13, 2019 to review the appointments to the Cable Television Commission. The Commission plays a vital role in the regulation and operation of our Cable Television franchisee.

The appointees are as follows:

Ms. Kathleen Driver of Mitchellville is an Entrepreneur, Healthcare Information Technology Project Manager and online internet talk show host (SAVVY). Ms. Driver has been trained to serve as a full access cable television show producer and received her BS Degree from Virginia State University.

Ms. Cherie Gibson of Bowie is a Senior Communications Director with two decades of experience in strategic communications and marketing. Her expertise includes project management, media relations training and stakeholder engagement. Ms. Gibson received her BS Degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and her MS Degree from Duke University.

The Honorable Cynthia Miller of District Heights has served as the elected Commissioner, Ward 1, for the City of District Heights. She is tasked with representing the interest of all District Heights citizens. Ms. Miller also serves as the President of the Prince George's County Municipal Association and will serve as the Municipal Representative. Ms. Miller attended Norfolk State University.

Ms. Thelma Newsome-Somers of Bowie is an astute financial accounting professional with twenty (20) years of financial management experience in non-profit, private sector and government accounting principles and applications. As a CPA, Ms. Newsome-Somers conducts forecasting, financial performance and investment analysis on a regular basis. Ms. Newsome-Somers received her BS Degree from Virginia Intermont College and her Master of Accounting from George Washington University.

Mr. Festus Udejiofor a resident of Bowie, brings with him systems engineering and auditing background to the Commission. He is currently a Senior Auditor with the United States Postal Service. Office of the Inspector General and previously worked for the State of Maryland. Mr. Udejiofor received his BA degree from Howard University and his MS degree from Kaplan University.

During the Committee meeting each nominee was asked to present their credentials and convey their interest in severing on the Commission. Council members thanked the nominees for their willingness to serve the County.

After deliberation, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted the appointments out favorable, 4-0.