



# Prince George's County Council

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1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

*Krystal Oriadha, Chair, District 7  
Eric C. Olson, Vice Chair, District 3  
Shayla D. Adams-Stafford, District 5  
Wala Blegay, At-Large  
Edward P. Burroughs III, District 8  
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1  
Wanika Fisher, District 2  
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9  
Danielle I. Hunter, District 6  
Jolene Ivey, At-Large  
Vacant - District 4 (effective 01/16/2026)*

*David Murray, Council Administrator*

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**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**4:00 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

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### **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **4:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)**

*The virtual meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 4:03 p.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Adams-Stafford arrived at 4:05 p.m. Council Member Harrison arrived at 4:15 p.m. (Vacant - District 4 (effective: 01/16/2026)).*

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**Remote:** 10 - Chair Krystal Oriadha  
Vice Chair Eric Olson  
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Council Member Jolene Ivey  
Council Member Danielle Hunter

*Also present:*

*David Murray, Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator  
Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council  
James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council  
Edgar L. Reese, Legislative Reference Aide  
Kenneth Battle, Director, TIEE Committee  
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney  
Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer*

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*The Chair announced a moment of silence.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hunter.*

### **REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*Kristen Weaver, Mayor Pro Tem, Greenbelt City Council addressed the Council.*

**BUSINESS MEETING****1. BRIEFINGS**[BR 01232026](#)

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**DISTRICT 4 COUNTY COUNCIL VACANCY - INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

**The District 4 County Council office is vacant, effective January 16, 2026, due to the resignation of the incumbent.** Pursuant to County Code Section 2-104(j), "When there is a vacancy in the office of a Council Member that occurs during the last year of a term, a majority of the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) calendar days."

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Individuals must be a resident of Prince George's County and a have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year.

**The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, will hold the following informational briefing for the public to hear from those under consideration by the Council.**

*The briefing convened at 4:08 p.m. Chair Oriadha introduced David Murray, Council Administrator, who provided an overview of the District 4 Council Vacancy status and informational briefing. Timothy J. Adams, Juliet Agocha, Ashlee E. Burks, Cameron Davis, Dominic Henry, Emmett V. Jordan and Preston W. Thomas III expressed their interest in the District 4 Council vacancy and presented their qualifications. The briefing concluded at 4:24 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA****Add11-26****ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 10 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter

## **2. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **LTR 01232026**

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Proposed letter to the Honorable Ron Watson, Acting Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on Delegation Bills.

**Attachment(s):** Delegation Bills

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the Delegation Bills letter.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 10 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter

### **REC3-26**

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**RECESS**

*THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 4:29 PM.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION (VIRTUAL)**

### **EX 01232026**

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter.

*The Chair read the following closing statement/motion to convene in executive session: "Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has*

*jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter." The Executive Session was held.*

*On 1/23/2026, a motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Blegay, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 10, Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter*

*Date of Executive Session: January 23, 2026*

*Beginning time: 4:32 pm*

*Ending time: 4:36 pm*

*Location: Virtual*

*Members present:*

*Chair Oriadha, Vice Chair Olson, CM Dernoga, CM Fisher, CM Adams-Stafford, CM Burroughs, CM Harrison, CM Blegay and CM Ivey*

*Others Present:*

*David Murray, Colette Gresham, Karen Zavakos, Donna Brown, Kathy Canning, and Josh Hamlin*

*Items discussed:*

*-In order to discuss the appointment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter.*

*Motion to adjourn by Council Member Dernoga; seconded by Council Member Fisher.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye                    10 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter**

## **RECONVENE**

**THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 4:38 PM.**

**3. APPOINTMENT****APPT-5-26**

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**Appointment of Council Member to Represent Fourth Councilmanic District:**

*The Council appointed Timothy J. Adams as Council Member for Council District 4.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Blegay, to confirm the Appointment of Timothy J. Adams as Council Member, District 4. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**            9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey and Hunter

**Abstain**        1 - Harrison

**BRIEFINGS (Continued)****BR 01232026b**

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**DPW&T SNOW & ICE CONTROL PLAN**

Michael D. Johnson, Director, DPW&T  
Oluseyi A. Olugbenle, Deputy Director, DPW&T  
Stacey L. Smalls, Deputy Director, DPW&T

**Attachment(s):** Project ELEVATE DPWT 2026 Snow Presentation  
CC 01-23-2026

*The briefing convened at 4:42 p.m. Council Chair Oriadha introduced Michael Johnson, Director, DPW&T, who introduced Stacey Smalls, Deputy Director, DPW&T, and Oluseyi Olugbenle, Deputy Director, DPW&T. The participants facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Department of Public Works and Transportation Elevating The Snow & Ice Program". The presentation highlighted the following: Winter Storm Fern Agency Response; Winter Storm Fern Forecast; Agency Formation; Elevating Last Year's Concerns; Snow Operations Timeline; Snow Operations: Organizational Chart; Snow Operations: Snow Maps; What Council areas do Snow Districts cover; Pre-Storm Monitoring; Snow Operation Levels, Roadway Priority, & Shifts; DPW&T and Homeland Security's Role; Decisions Will Be Driven By Environmental Conditions; Technology: Performance Tracking; Elevated Snow Strategy: New 311 Snow Team; Elevated Snow Strategy: Improved 311 Response; Elevated Snow Strategy: Communications; Council Engagement & Managing Expectations; and One County United: Communicating Expectations. The participants responded to questions and the briefing*

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*concluded at 5:30 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

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**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:33 PM.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Ivey, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

Aye                    10 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council