

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 8-0: Council Members Harrison, Hawkins, Burroughs, Glaros, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner. Absent: Davis, Dernoga and Franklin

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on February 24, 2022, to consider appointments to the Commission on Fathers Men and Boys. The Commission is a result of CB-9-2017, which established a Commission for Fathers, Men and Boys as an advisory resource to the County Executive, County Council and the public on issues and needs of fathers, men and boys within Prince George's County. The commission advocates policies and procedures that support issues concerning Father Men and Boys.

The Commission consists of thirteen (13) members who must be nominated by the County Executive and are subject to the approval of the County Council subsequent to a public hearing.

All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. Funds appropriated by the County for use by the Commission will be used to offset expenditures of the Commission. New appointees for consideration are: Mr. Mahssan "Bear" Afkhami of Laurel and Mr. Mario F. Cisneros of Mount Rainer and those considered for reappointment are: Mr. James M. Alsobrooks, Mr. James C. Ballentine, Mr. Arthur L. Cutler, II, Mr. Bruce D. Edwards, Esq., Mr. Joseph E. Jones, Sr., Mr. Robert Johnson, and Mr. Anthony J. McAllister to the Prince George's County Commission on Fathers, Men and Boys. Mr. Joseph E. Jones, Sr. shall serve as the Chair.

During the meeting Ms. Miriam Brewer, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointees and provided the committee with background information about each nominee. The members of the commission have a broad base of experiences to draw on. Some of those experiences are in education, gang intervention, truce mediation, homelessness prevention, and many more. The nominees were given an opportunity to introduced themselves, they provided brief introductory remarks and answered questions from the committee members.

During the committee meeting members of the Council thanked the nominees for their willingness to serve and expressed the importance of having mentors especially in communities that have a lack of role models.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted favorably on the appointments to the Commission on Fathers Men and Boys, 8-0.