



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Krystal Oriadha, Chair, District 7
Eric C. Olson, Vice Chair, District 3
Shayla D. Adams-Stafford, District 5
Timothy J. Adams, District 4
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

David Murray, Council Administrator

Monday, May 11, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

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6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 6:17 p.m. with 9 Council Members present. Council Member Adams participated remotely and on camera.

Present: 8 - Chair Krystal Oriadha
Vice Chair Eric Olson
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Danielle Hunter

Absent: Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Sydney Harrison

Remote: 1 - Council Member Timothy Adams

Also present:

David Murray, Council Administrator

Karen T. 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

Manuel Geraldo, Vice Chair, Prince George's County Planning Board

Dr. Billy Okoye, Commissioner, Prince George's County Planning Board

Brittney Jenkins, Commissioner, Prince George's County Planning Board

Lori Matthews, Commissioner, Prince George's County Planning Board

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THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL, SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL, AND THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY PORT TOWNS SECTOR PLAN AND PROPOSED SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT (SMA) (CR-094-2023)

Pursuant to the Regional District Act within the Land Use Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code, being also the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County, Maryland, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to seek public comment and testimony.

Attachment(s): [Errata Sheet - Port Towns Sector Plan & SMA](#)
[Port Towns Sector Plan & SMA - Planning Director Transmittal](#)
[Preliminary Port Towns Sector Plan](#)
[Proposed Sectional Map Amendment \(SMA\)](#)
[M-NCPPC Transmittal Letter 03-12-2026](#)
[Port Towns Sector Plan and SMA Presentation 05-11-20265](#)
Public Comments CC 05-11-2026

This joint public hearing was convened at 6:17 p.m. with nine Council

Members present along with Manuel Geraldo, Vice Chair, Dr. Billy Okoye, Member, Lori Matthews, Member, and Brittany Jenkins, Member, Prince George's County Planning Board, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Chair Oriadha provided an overview of the Joint Public Hearing Procedures for Preliminary Port Towns Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment and introduced Emily Lutz, Project Manager, M-NCPPC and Arnaldo Ruiz, Deputy Project Manager, M-NCPPC, who provided a brief overview and facilitated a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Port Towns Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment Joint Public Hearing". The presentation highlighted the following: Sector Plan Area; Overview of Changes; Community Engagement Summary; Community Engagement; Feedback Themes that Shaped the Plan; Draft Plan Vision; Defining the Neighborhood Center Boundary; Proposed Neighborhood Center Boundary; Opportunities and Recommendations; Land Use; Economic Prosperity; Housing and Neighborhoods; Future Land Use; Transportation and Mobility; Healthy Communities; Proposed MPOT Facilities and USDS Designations; Natural Environment; Public Facilities; Recommended Parks, Recreation and Open Space Facilities; Community Heritage, Culture, and Design; Placemaking; Placemaking Opportunities and Significant Locations; Sectional Map Amendment; Additional Information/Recommended Change; What Might Implementation Look Like; Opportunity Sites; Site A: Port Towns Shopping Center; Site B: Buchanan St. Industrial Area; Site C: Residential Infill Along Decatur Street; Site D: Peace Cross Industrial Area; Site E: Eastgate Industrial Center; Site E: Ports Town Junction; Site F: Publick Playhouse and Vicinty; Site G: Port of Bladensburg Shopping Center; Implementing the Plan; Implementation and Monitoring; Next Steps & Schedule and Tentative Schedule. Christopher Scott, Keith Brooks, Monica Casanas, Douglas Bowles, Vincent Deleon, Mayor Takisha James, Alison Pages and John Coleman signed up to speak for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, this public hearing was declared held. The joint public hearing concluded at 7:01 p.m.

This Joint Public Hearing was held.

HEARING PROCEDURES:

Time limitation of two (2) minutes per speaker has been imposed. There will be no relinquishing of time by one speaker to another. Written statements may be submitted for the record in addition to, or in lieu of, verbal testimony. Written testimony or comments will be accepted in electronic format, rather than by U.S. mail via the Council's eComment portal at: <https://pgccouncil.us/Speak>. For those unable to use the portal, comments/written correspondence may be emailed to: onlinesignup@co.pg.md.us or faxed to (301) 952-5178. Written comments may be submitted through the close of business on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, when the record of public hearing testimony will close. Additionally, on-site registration for live testimony is now available; however, advance registration to testify is strongly encouraged.

HEARING AGENDA

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Introduction of the County Council Members and Planning Board Members
- (c) Introductory remarks by County Council Chair Krystal Oriadha
- (d) M-NCPPC staff presentation

Emily Lutz, Project Manager
- (e) Comments by elected and appointed officials:
- (f) Comments by citizens:

ADJOURN

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Olson, seconded by Council Member Adams-Stafford, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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