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Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay, Hunter, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on January 22, 2026, to consider the appointment of Lori M. Matthews to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.

Ms. Lajoia Cannon, Interim Appointment Liaison in the Office of the County Executive, introduced Ms. Matthews and provided an overview of her professional and educational background. She highlighted Ms. Matthews's more than 30 years of professional experience in education, government, administration, and community engagement. Her background included decades as an educator in Prince George's County, as well as administrative work with the Department of Homeland Security, where she handled sensitive documents and supported high-level government operations. Her leadership experience in both public service and the private sector was noted as strong preparation for service on the Board of Ethics.

Ms. Matthews, a lifelong Prince George's County resident, addressed the committee about her many years as a local educator and her strong connection to the community. She shared how her work as a teacher focused on treating everyone fairly, building mutual respect, and holding people accountable. Ms. Matthews emphasized the importance of honesty, transparency, and public trust and stated that she would bring a fair, independent, and straightforward approach to her service on the Board of Ethics.

Committee members expressed support for the nomination, noting her integrity, dedication to the community, and suitability for the role.

Council Chair Oriadha made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ivey, to move favorably on the appointment of Ms. Lori Matthews to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 5-0 on the appointment of Ms. Lori Matthews to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.