

Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8
Wala Blegay, District 6
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4
Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

11:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

- 1. Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Vice Chair Burroughs presented a proclamation to Ms. Modupe Olafunmiloye of Kenmoor Middle School in recognition of her receipt of the "Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) celebrated during Women's History Month 2025" in Prince George's County, Maryland.
- 2. Council Member Blegay presented a proclamation to Shanay Wiggs of Topcurl Beauty Academy and TOPCURL the Salon in recognition of her "trailblazing efforts in the Beauty and Self-Care industry celebrated during Women's History Month 2025," in Prince George's County, Maryland.

11:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:30 a.m. with 9 members present at roll call. Council Member Hawkins had an excused absence. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Present:

9 - Chair Jolene Ivey

Vice Chair Edward Burroughs

Council Member Wala Blegay

Council Member Thomas Dernoga

Council Member Wanika Fisher

Council Member Sydney Harrison

Council Member Eric Olson

Council Member Krystal Oriadha

Council Member Ingrid Watson

Excused: 1 - Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by First Lady Reverend Peggy Maclin, The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square Church, Upper Marlboro, MD. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Vice-Chair Burroughs and his family as they mourn the recent loss of his grandfather. Chair Ivey also requested prayer for Nishia Robinson and family in the loss of her 3-year-old daughter, Zoey, in a car accident. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for Esmeralda Montoya-Perez, who was fatally struck by a car in Hyattsville. Ms. Fisher also recognized the birthday of Senator Joanne Benson. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for Zoey Rose Marie Harrison as well and also requested prayer for other council members who are grieving losses in their families and dealing with health issues. Council Member Harrison requested

prayer for the thousands of federal workers and contractors in Prince George's County who are experiencing economic uncertainty.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Oriadha.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CONSENT AGENDA

(a) Approval of County Council Minutes

MIN 02252025

County Council Minutes dated February 25, 2025

Draft 1

Attachment(s): 02252025

These Minutes were approved.

MIN 03042025

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated March 4, 2025

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: <u>03042025</u>

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

CB-019-2025

AN ACT CONCERNING SPEED HUMPS AND SPEED MONITORING

Draft 1

SYSTEMS for the purpose of providing for the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program; providing for traffic studies to evaluate the installation of speed humps on residential streets; providing for certain requests; providing for the timeline for the process of conducting a traffic study and making a determination on whether to install speed humps; providing for appropriate approvals for speed humps; providing for a reporting timeline for a final decision on the installation of speed monitoring

systems; providing for a reporting timeline for a final decision on the installation of residential district speed monitoring systems; and generally regarding street humps and speed monitoring systems.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs and Oriadha

Attachment(s): B2024019

CB-019-2025 Summary

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Burroughs and Oriadha and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

(c) Introduction of Resolutions

CR-017-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON UTILITY PRICE

<u>INCREASES</u> for the purpose of requesting the Public Service Commission to impose a moratorium on utility price increases for the indefinite future.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025017

CR-017-2025 Summary

Residents in Prince George's County are experiencing unprecedented challenges in affording essential services due to the rise of utility costs. Members of the Prince George's County Council have reported that the rising of utility rates, which are approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission, are unsustainable for county constituents. Low- and moderate-income county residents are being forced to make decision between basic necessities and maintaining power in their home.

This resolution stands as a formal request from the County Council to the Public Service Commission to implement an immediate freeze on utility rates for an indefinite period of time. Once the freeze has commenced, the County Council requests that the Public Service Commission conducts a comprehensive review of the factors contributing to the increases and to explore all available avenues to mitigate the financial strain on consumers.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

<u>CR-018-2025</u>

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE HOLISTIC AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

<u>TASK FORCE</u> for the purpose of extending the reporting time for the Holistic and Sustainable Solutions for Senior Citizens Task Force and adding four additional members.

Sponsor(s): Harrison, Ivey, Watson, Oriadha and Fisher

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025018

CR-018-2025 Summary

CR-018-2025 PAFI Sustainable Solutions for Senior

Citizens TF - Final

This legislation provides additional time to the Task Force to assess and identify the fundamental needs of the senior citizen population in Prince George's County and recommend holistic and sustainable solutions to address the needs of the senior citizen population in Prince George's County and adds four more members to the Task Force.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Harrison, Ivey, Watson, Oriadha and Fisher and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

Consent10-25

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

Draft 1

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ave 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

LTR 03112025a

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, 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 proposed State legislation.

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: Delegation Position Letter Week 3-11-25

Position Statement HB1036 SB931

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.

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

Ave 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

LTR 03112025b

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to The Honorable Peter A. Shapiro, Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board, approving the request for a six-month extension of the period to prepare the Staff Draft Central Avenue-Blue/Silver Line Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment.

Attachment(s): CABL Extention Draft Letter

PGCPB Transmittal CABL Extension 2.21.2025

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a overview of the actions and recommendations of the PHED Committee.

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

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

APPT-5-25

Draft 2

Appointment of the following individuals to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board:

Debra Mims

Appointment

Term Expiration: 5/31/2029

Kevin M. Ford, Jr (Withdrawn)

Appointment

Term Expiration: 5/31/2029

Attachment(s): 01-10-2025 CRRB Appt. Transmittal

01-10-2025 CRRB Appt. Package 01-10-2025 CRRB Appt. Report

01-10-2025 CRRB Appt. Withdrawal Letter

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:45 a.m. Council Member Watson, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointees and spoke to their credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Burroughs, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)

<u>APPT-3-25</u>

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual to the Board of Ethics for Prince George's County:

Jason W. Papanikolas

Appointment

Replacing: Sharon Theodore Lewis

Term Expiration: 12/1/2027

Attachment(s): 01-10-2025 Board of Ethics Appt. Transmittal

01-10-2025 Board of Ethics_Appt. Package 01-10-2025 Board of Ethics Appt. Report

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:49 a.m. Council Member Watson, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and

recommendations of the GOFP Committee for the Board of Ethics for Prince George's County. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointee and spoke to his credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)

APPT-4-25

Draft 2

Appointment of the following individuals to the Human Rights Commission:

Mr. Issac E. Esene (Withdrawn)

Appointment

Replacing: Daryl D. Jackson Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Caren A. Gillison

Appointment

Replacing: Roslyn Brown Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Shonda W. Harmon

Appointment

Replacing: Brindisi Chan Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Sylvia L. Johnson

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Ms. Erin F. Kabba

Appointment

Replacing: (Vacant -Llamilet Gutierrez)

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Mr. Joseph S. Reed

Reappointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Ms. Kayon R. Williams

Appointment

Replacing: Wendi J. Howard Term Expiration: 6/30/2027

Ms. Erica L. Jenkins

Appointment

Replacing: Charlene Proctor, Esq. Term Expiration: 6/30/2028

Attachment(s): 01-10-2024 HRC Appt. Transmittal

01-10-2024 HRC Appt. Package 01-10-2024 HRC Appt. Report

01-10-2024 HRC Appt. Withdrawal Letter

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:53 a.m. Council Member Watson, Chair, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOFP), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for the Human Rights Commission. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointees and spoke to their credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)

APPT-1-25 Draft 1 Appointment of the following individual to the Prince George's County Police Accountability Board:

Stephanye R. Maxwell, Esq., CPM

Appointment

Replacing: Daniel C. Vergamini Term Expiration: June 30, 2027 Attachment(s): 01-10-2025 PAB Appt. Transmittal

01-10-2025 PAB Appt. Package 01-10-2025 PAB Appt. Report

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 12:01 p.m. Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for the Police Accountability Board appointment. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointee and spoke to her credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM) (Continued)

APPT-2-25 Draft 1 Appointment of the following individual to the Commission for Women:

Zipporah Miller, Ed.D.

Appointment

Replacing: Ioana Stoica

Term Expiration: May 1, 2027

Attachment(s): 01-17-2025 Commission for Women Appt. Transmittal

01-17-2025 Commission for Women Appt. Package

01-17-2025 Commission for Women Appt. Report

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 12:07 p.m. Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for the Commission for Women

appointment. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the appointee and spoke to her credentials and qualifications. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

5. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)

CR-006-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM WAIT

<u>TIMES</u> for the purpose of extending the reporting time for the Task Force to Address Hospital Emergency Room Wait Times and adding two additional members.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs and Olson

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025006

CR-006-2025 Summary

CR-006-2025 PAFI

CR-006-2025 Report

Council Member Fisher, Chair, Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee (HHSPS), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the HHSPS Committee for CR-006-2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

CR-007-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WATERSHED PROTECTION AND

RESTORATION for the purpose of Prince George's County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Financial Assurance Plan (FAP) for approving the Prince George's County Financial Assurance as required by State law.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Burroughs, Watson, Blegay and Oriadha

Attachment(s): R2025007

CR-007-2025 Exhibit A

CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-1

CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-2

CR-007-2025 Exhibit B

CR-007-2025 Summary

CR-007-2025 Report

CR-007-2025 PAFI

CR-007-2025 Transmittal

DoE FAP Presentation 2025

Council Member Olson, Chair, Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the TIEE Committee for CR-007-2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson

and Watson

Absent Hawkins and Oriadha

6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

CR-019-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - FUNCTIONAL MASTER PLAN for the

purpose of approving, by legislative action of the District Council in accordance with State law, the initiation of an update to the Formula 2040 Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space for Prince George's County, Maryland of the Maryland-Washington Regional District and the Goals, Concepts, Guidelines, and the Public Participation Program for the project pursuant to Part 27-3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Attachment(s): R2025019

CR-019-2025 Attachment A

CR-019-2025 Summary

CR-019-2025 Transmittal

CR-019-2025 Planning Staff Memo

PGCPB Transmittal Packet Sheet

This Resolution will approve a proposed initiation of an update to the Formula 2040 Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space previously approved by the Council as to further re-evaluate the

vision, goals, and policies that guide the delivery of parks, programs and facilities from now until 2040. Approval by legislative action of the Council is required pursuant to Part 27-3 of the Zoning Ordinance of Prince George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Harrison, Blegay and Dernoga.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Fisher and Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Fisher and Hawkins

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

CR-020-2025

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE

<u>OF HUMAN RESOURCES</u> for the purpose of extending the temporary appointment of Ms. Valerie A. Farrar as the Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources Management.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson and Fisher

Attachment(s): R2025020

<u>CR-020-2025 Summary</u> CR-020-2025 Transmittal

This resolution will extend the temporary appointment of Ms. Valerie A. Farrar as the Acting Director of the Office of Human Resources Management for an additional four calendar months.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson and Fisher.

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

CR-021-2025

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE

Draft 1

OFFICER for the purpose of extending the temporary appointment of Mr. Barry L. Stanton, as the Acting Chief Administrative Officer.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Harrison and Fisher

<u>Attachment(s)</u>: R2025021

CR-021-2025 Summary CR-021-2025 Transmittal

This resolution will extend the temporary appointment of Mr. Barry L. Stanton as Acting Chief Administrative Officer for an additional four calendar months.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Harrison and Fisher.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

ADJ21-25

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Draft 1

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:25 P.M.

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

Aye 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson,

Oriadha and Watson

Absent Hawkins

EXECUTIVE SESSION - (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

EX 03112025

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically, to review the February 19, 2025, determination of the County Board of Ethics.

This Executive Session was removed from the agenda.

Prepared by:	
Edgar L. Reese, III, Legisla	tive Reference Aide
Submitted by:	
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of tl	ne Council