

Prince George's County Council

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

Reference No.: APPOINTMENTS NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 2/12/2022

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 9-0 (In favor: Council Members Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner)

The County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on February 14, 2022 to consider four appointments to the Nuisance Abatement Board for Prince George's County. In accordance with the Prince George's County Code, Section 14-173, the Nuisance Abatement Board conducts hearings regarding complaints alleging that certain premises constitute a public or neighborhood nuisance. Ms. Miriam Brewer, Appointment Liaison, Office of the County Executive, provided a brief overview and introduced the nominees.

Ms. Shirley A. Lathern, a resident of Suitland and Mr. Douglas S. Roeser, a resident of Mitchellville are reappointments to the Board with terms that will expire on January 5, 2024. Mr. Antoine J. Beidleman, a resident of Upper Marlboro and Ms. Betty J. Williams, also a resident of Upper Marlboro, are new appointments to the Board with terms that will expire on January 5, 2025.

The nominees introduced themselves providing brief biographical information and commented on their reasons for willingness to serve, or willingness and interest in continuing their service, and contributions they can provide as members of the Board.

Ms. Lathern and Mr. Roeser shared current experiences in assisting the community as members of the Board and commented on their constant interaction with Ms. Michelle Lyons' (Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, Boards and Commissions Administrator) and her support to the Board. The Board Members noted staffing issues with only one clerical staff to handle minutes, reports, etc.

Council Member Glaros inquired of the reappointment members, based on their experiences, if they had any suggestions for changes including those that could be handled through legislation. Council Member Turner suggested that an annual report to include number of cases, fines, fee structure, etc. may be helpful. The Board members agreed to provide a written report to include recommendations for changes within 60 days for the Council's consideration during the proposed FY2023 budget review.

After discussion and the Council Members' expressions of appreciation to the Board members for their work, the Committee voted favorable, 9-0, in favor of the appointments to the Nuisance Abatement Board for Prince George's County.

