PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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REPORT: Favorable 6-2-2: Council Members Harrison, Hawkins, Franklin, Medlock, Streeter, and Taveras. Abstained: Dernoga and Glaros. Opposed: Burroughs and Ivey. Recused: Turner.

The Prince George's County Council convened in the Committee of the Whole to consider the appointment of Mr. Todd M. Turner, Esq., as the Executive Director for the Prince George's County Office of Ethics and Accountability. The Office of Ethics and Accountability was established in 2012 to provide increased accountability and oversight in the operations of the County government by identifying fraud, abuse, and illegal acts therein.

The Honorable Todd M. Turner, Esq., a resident of Bowie, is currently a member of the Prince George's County Council and Vice Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy, and Environment (TIEE) Committee. He served as Chair of the County Council from 2018-2020. He previously chaired the Transportation, Housing and Environment, and Rules & General Assembly committees, and served as a Public Safety & Fiscal Management committee member. Chair Turner represents the County Council on the Washington Metropolitan Council of Government's Board of Directors; the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC); and is a member of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Legislative Committee, and Large Counties Coalition.

Prior to his election to the Council, Chair Turner served as a Legislative Officer for the County Council from 2007 through 2014. He is a former Bowie City Council Member, elected to represent the 3rd Council District from 2005 through 2009; elected to an At-Large Bowie City Council seat in 2011, and reelected to that seat in 2013. Mr. Turner earned his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College and received his Juris Doctorate from the City University of New York School of Law. He has bar admissions in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division.

During the discussion, questions were raised about the appointment date and term of office. However, after discussion, the Prince George's County Council sitting as the Committee of the Whole reported the appointment out favorably, 6-2-2.