

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2023 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	APPT-20-23
Draft No.:	1
Committee:	Government Operations and Fiscal Policy
Date:	06/22/2023
Action:	FAV

REPORT: Favorable 5-0: Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Fisher, Harrison, and Ivey.

The Government, Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee met on June 22, 2023, to consider APPT-20-23, the County Executive's appointment of Ms. Monika L. Jackson as a member of the newly formed Fair Election Fund Commission.

Ms. Miriam Brewer, Appointment Liaison, Office of the County Executive, indicated that there would be a second candidate for the Council's consideration in September. Ms. Brewer provided a brief overview and introduced Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is a Financial System Expert employed under contract with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Protective Service (FPS). Ms. Jackson received dual undergraduate degrees from the University of Maryland College Park and her Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Maryland University College.

Ms. Jackson indicated that she looked forward to serving on the Commission since she witnessed firsthand in the 2022 election how funding for a campaign is very important and that every candidate should have a fair and equitable chance to run a successful campaign and not have finances being a significant barrier.

The Committee sought Ms. Jackson's views on several issues, recognizing that this is a newly formed Commission. Considering the County's budget, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair asked how she would balance funding for a program such as this versus other needed services.

Council Member Harrison suggested that the criteria for funding campaigns may need to be more defined. He asked how she would make the funds available so that it's healthy for all candidates since they will be spending taxpayers' money.

Ms. Brewer clarified that Ms. Jackson isn't familiar with the budgetary constraints.

After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted the appointment of Ms. Monika L. Jackson to the Fair Election Fund Commission out favorably, 5 – 0.