

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2024 Legislative Session

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Committee: GOFP

Date: June 27, 2024

Action: FAV

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 3-1 (Council Members Watson, Harrison, Hawkins, and Oriadha) Absent: Dernoga

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee convened on June 27, 2024, to consider APPT-14-24, appointment of Dr. Ronald Garrett to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board.

Miriam Brewer, the County Executive's Appointments Liaison, introduced the County Executive's first nominee to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration board, Dr. Ronald D. Garrett, who serves as Director of Reentry Health Services and supports Mettle-Works Behavioral Health. In the role, he is responsible for leading a division designed and equipped to provide behavioral health care services to returning citizens and their families. He previously served as Director of the Bridge Center at Adam's House and the Regional Reentry Coordinator for the Welcome Home Reentry Program. During his incarceration, he earned a BA in Theology, a Master of Ministry/Church Administration, and a Doctor of Ministry/Chaplaincy Services from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.

Dr. Garrett shared that the board was established to address the inequity resulting from the war on drugs, described his qualifications, and made a commitment to addressing racial disparities caused by cannabis prohibition through service on the cannabis restoration board if confirmed.

Committee members thanked Dr. Garrett for his service and commitment. After discussion, the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy committee reported Dr. Ronald Garrett's appointment to the Cannabis Reinvestment and Restoration Board favorably 3-1.