

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 4, 2023

The Honorable Thomas E. Dernoga Chairman Prince George's County Council 1301 McCormick Drive, 2nd Floor Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Chair Dernoga,

It is my pleasure to submit to you and the County Council the appointments of Mr. Teslim Alghali, and the reappointment of Ms. Shaunda Bellamy, Ms. Claudia W. Dickens, Ms. Gwendolyn A. Drummond, Ms. Ida R. Fletcher, and Ms. Eddimae Gamble Tisdale as members to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

Mr. Teslim Alghali, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is a trained social services provider and is currently a Counselor with Hands of Hope Services. He trains vulnerable adults, elderly, and teenagers in their person-centered needs. Mr. Alghali also has office management and administrative skills leading to high levels of productivity, efficiency, and service quality. He received his Associate of Arts degree from Prince George's Community College.

Ms. Shaunda Bellamy, a resident of District Heights, is the President of Pickett Fences Senior Services, Inc., a non-profit founded to improve the quality of life for senior citizens through geriatric care management. Ms. Bellamy collaborates with various organizations within Prince George's County to meet the needs of our growing senior population. Ms. Bellamy possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Fayetteville State University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Gerontology from the University of Maryland University College, and a Master's in Health Care Administration. She is a member of the Maryland Gerontological Association and the American Society on Aging. Ms. Bellamy will serve as a Public/Non-Profit member.

Ms. Claudia W. Dickens, a resident of Brandywine, retired from the United States Treasury Department as a Public Affairs Manager after thirty-nine (39) years of federal service. In this role, she supervised thirty (30) employees, wrote, and spoke to the public, the media, schools, and congressional/senatorial staff daily. Ms. Dickens returned to the workforce last year with the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division. She graduated from Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Ms. Dickens will serve as a Senior Citizens member.

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Ms. Gwendolyn A. Drummond, a resident of Bowie, is an experienced, knowledgeable, creative, and resourceful human services administrator with over thirty (30) years of state service in Prince George's County Department of Social Services. She served fourteen (14) years as Assistant Deputy Director for Family Investment Administration with responsibilities for financial assistance programs such as Temporary Cash Assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Disability Assistance, and Purchase of Care. Mr. Drummond received her undergraduate degree from Northeastern University and will serve as a Senior Citizens member.

Ms. Ida R. Fletcher, a resident of Upper Marlboro, retired from St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Commission on Mental Health after thirty (30) years. Active in the community, she currently serves on the Juanita C. Grant Foundation Board, Altrusa International and is a Past President for the Potomac Valley Section, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). A life-long learner, Ms. Fletcher attended the University of Maryland and is pursuing a degree in Communications with a minor in Gerontology.

Ms. Eddimae Gamble Tisdale, a resident of Bowie, retired as a Federal Government Branch Chief with the Defense Intelligence Agency where she supervised four Team Chiefs and a total of twenty-one (21) additional civilian and military employees. During her tenure, she also served as a United States delegate for foreign service conferences in North American, Europe, and Asia. Active in the community, Ms. Tisdale uses her program management, negotiation, leadership, and fund development skills to improve the well-being of county residents. She is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Ms. Tisdale will serve as a Senior Citizen member.

Pursuant to Sections 322 and 504 of the Charter of Prince George's County, I am appointing Mr. Teslim Alghali, and reappointing Ms. Shaunda Bellamy, Ms. Claudia W. Dickens, Ms. Gwendolyn A. Drummond, Ms. Ida R. Fletcher, and Ms Eddimae Gamble Tisdale to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

Mr. Teslim Alghali
Replacing: Vacant
Public/Non-Profit Agency Member
Term Expiration: 2/1/2026

Ms. Shaunda Bellamy
Reappointment
Public/Non-Profit Agency Member
Term Expiration: 2/1/2026

Ms. Claudia W. Dickens
Reappointment
Senior Citizen Member
Term Expiration: 2/1/2026

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Ms. Gwendolyn A. Drummond

Ms. Ida R. Fletcher

Ms. Eddimae Gamble Tisdale



Reappointment

Public At-Large Member Term Expiration: 2/1/2024

Appointment

Senior Citizen Member

Term Expiration: 2/2/2026

Reappointment

Senior Citizen Member Term Expiration: 2/1/2026

Attached for the County Council's consideration is an Appointee Data Form for each nominee. Your favorable consideration of these appointments is appreciated. If I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Miriam L. Brewer, Appointments Liaison at (301) 952-4136.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Alsobrooks County Executive

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Attachments

cc: Members of the County Council
Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney