



# Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration  
Building  
1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

*Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large*  
*Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8*  
*Wala Blegay, District 6*  
*Sydney J. Harrison, District 9*  
*Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1*  
*Wanika Fisher, District 2*  
*Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large*  
*Eric C. Olson, District 3*  
*Krystal Oriadha, District 7*  
*Ingrid S. Watson, District 4*  
*Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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Tuesday, January 14, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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### **9:00 A.M. - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

### **10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)**

### **11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*The meeting was convened by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:10 a.m. with 6 members present at roll call. Council Members Blegay and Dernoga arrived at 11:11 a.m. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).*

**Present:** 8 - Chair Jolene Ivey  
Vice Chair Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Ingrid Watson

**Absent:** Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha

*Also present:*

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator  
Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council  
Akinjide Adeyemo, Zoning Reference Aide  
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive  
John Erzen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive  
Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney  
Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer  
Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney  
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney*

**INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Rev. Dr. S. A. Fix, Senior Pastor, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie, Bowie, MD. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for the District of Columbia police officers who were recently wounded in a shooting. Council Member Harrison also requested prayer for those experiencing displacement in Los Angeles due to the ongoing wildfires as well as for the members of the Department of Public Works and Transportation who have worked tirelessly to clear the roads after the recent snowstorm. Council Member Olson requested prayer for Montgomery County Firefighter Christopher Higgins who lost his life battling a fire in Prince George's County. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for the success of the Washington Commanders in their*

*upcoming playoff game.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Burroughs.*

**REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*There were no requests to address the Council.*

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 12032024](#)

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated December 03, 2024

**Attachment(s):** [12032024](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 12102024](#)

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated December 10, 2024

**Attachment(s):** [12102024](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 01072025](#)

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated January 7, 2025

**Attachment(s):** [01072025](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-001-2025](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING 2025-2026 COMPENSATION REVIEW****COMMISSION** for the purpose of establishing a Compensation Review

Commission to study the rate of current compensation and allowances for Council members and compensation for the County Executive and making recommendations regarding the amount of compensation in accordance with state and local laws, and generally relating to the Compensation Review Commission.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey**Attachment(s):** [B2025001](#)[CB-001-2025 Summary](#)[CB-001-2025 Report](#)[CB-001-2025 OOL Comments](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Ivey and referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**[Consent3-25](#)

Draft 1

**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	8 -	Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson and Watson
<b>Absent</b>		Hawkins and Oriadha

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

*NO ITEMS CONSIDERED*

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**[Add2-25](#)

Draft 1

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Burroughs, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	8 -	Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson and Watson
<b>Absent</b>		Hawkins and Oriadha

**3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**[LTR 01142025](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation (recommended at the 01/14/2025 General Assembly Committee meeting).

**Attachment(s):** [Delegation Position Letter Week 1-14-25 - signed](#)

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**                      8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson and Watson

**Absent**                      Hawkins and Oriadha

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**PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT (Continued)**

[LTR 01142025b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed joint letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George’s County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George’s County House Delegation, transmitting the County's State Legislative Priorities for the 2025 General Assembly Session.

**Attachment(s):**    [2025 Joint Priority Letter Draft](#)

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the Joint Priorities letter.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**                      8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson and Watson

**Absent**                      Hawkins and Oriadha

[ADJ5-25](#)

Draft 1

**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:24 AM.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Chair Ivey, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

**Aye**                      8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson and Watson

**Absent**                      Hawkins and Oriadha

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council