



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Krystal Oriadha, Chair, District 7
Eric C. Olson, Vice Chair, District 3
Shayla D. Adams-Stafford, District 5
Timothy J. Adams, District 4
Wala Blegay, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs III, District 8
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Danielle I. Hunter, District 6
Jolene Ivey, At-Large

David Murray, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

10:30 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

10:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 11:04 a.m. with 7 members present at roll call. Council Member Adams participated remotely and on camera. Council Member Adams-Stafford arrived at 11:08 a.m. Council Member Blegay arrived at 1:29 p.m. Chair Oriadha announced that Council Member Harrison had an excused absence.

Present: 9 - Chair Krystal Oriadha
Vice Chair Eric Olson
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Danielle Hunter

Excused: 1 - Council Member Sydney Harrison

Remote: 1 - Council Member Timothy Adams

Also present:

David Murray, 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

James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council

Edgar L. Reese, Legislative Reference Aide

Sonia Owens, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive

Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law

Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney

Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee

Arun Puracken, Director, EWD Committee

Mark Williams, Policy Analyst

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Pastor Oscar L. Broadie, Jr., Senior Pastor, Carmody Hills Baptist Church, Capitol Heights, MD. Chair Oriadha requested prayer for her family as her grandmother recently passed away. Council Member Olson requested prayer for the friends and family of Rev. Graylan Hagler, a social justice advocate in the region who recently passed away. Council Member Burroughs requested prayer for his family due to the recent passing of his paternal grandfather.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hunter.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Beverley Johnson, Joseph Equa, and Deidra Roy addressed the Council regarding data centers.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 02172026](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 17, 2026

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [02172026](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-009-2026](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS for the purpose of administratively codifying determinations of the 2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission, in accordance with procedures set forth in the Charter and in compliance with State law, including the 2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission's recommendations to amend the compensation of the County Council Members and the County Executive and, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the County Council; making certain references to State law; and generally relating to the compensation of elected officials.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha**Attachment(s):** [B2026009](#)[CB-009-2026 Summary](#)[CB-009-2026 OOL Comments](#)[CB-009-2026 Report](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Chair Oriadha and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

(c) Introduction of Resolutions[CR-010-2026](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving a certain transfer of appropriations within the Recreation Fund of the Approved Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Sponsor(s): Olson, Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey and Oriadha

Attachment(s): [R2026010](#)
[CR-010-2026 Summary](#)
[CR-010-2026 PAFI Maryland National-Capital Park
and Planning Commission Final](#)
[CR-10-2026 OOL Comment](#)

This resolution amends the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget for the Recreation Fund of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Within the adopted budget for the Recreation Fund, the County Council set aside funding (project charges) for identified community organizations carrying out recreation programming with the County. Since the adoption of the budget (CB-055-2025) in May 2025, the Council has identified additional opportunities to expand programming within funded organizations. Pursuant to its authority under the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Council amended the budget through CR-130-2025 and CR-001-2026 to reallocate funding among project charges to take advantage of these programming opportunities. This resolution proposes to reallocate \$190,000 of funding to the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service (\$160,000), End Time Harvest Ministries (\$20,000) and Woodlawn Civic Association (\$5,000).

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Olson, Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey and Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

CR-011-2026

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND OFFICE OF PEOPLE’S COUNSEL - INVESTIGATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY RATE INCREASES for the purpose of requesting the Office of People’s Counsel investigate the significant public utility rate increases affecting Prince George’s County.

Sponsor(s): Burroughs, Hunter, Oriadha, Olson, Fisher, Ivey, Dernoga and Adams

Attachment(s): [Committee Report](#)
[R2026011](#)
[CR-011-2026 Summary](#)
[CR-011-2026 PAFI](#)
[CR-11-2026 OOL Comment](#)
OCS Legislative Comment

This resolution requests the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel to investigate the significant public utility rate increases affecting Prince

George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Burroughs, Hunter, Oriadha, Olson, Fisher, Ivey, Dernoga and Adams and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

[Consent6-26](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye	9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams
Absent	Blegay and Harrison

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 02242026](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Ron Watson, 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 legislation.

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter_Week 2-24-26](#)

Mark Williams, Policy Analyst, provided an overview of the letter.

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

Aye	9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams
Absent	Blegay and Harrison

4. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING (ADOPTION)[CR-001-2026](#)

Draft 2

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND NATIONAL-CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving a certain transfer of appropriations within the Park and Recreation Funds of the Approved Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Burroughs

Attachment(s): [R2026001](#)
[CR-001-2026 Summary](#)
[CR-001-2026 Report](#)
[CR-001-2026 PAFI Revised](#)

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED), provided a report on the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-001-2026. Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:22 a.m. Beverly John and Sherman Hardy signed up to speak. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Resolution was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, to substitute Draft 2 in lieu of Draft 1 The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	8 -	Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hunter and Adams
Nay	1 -	Ivey
Absent		Blegay and Harrison

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	8 -	Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hunter and Adams
Nay	1 -	Ivey
Absent		Blegay and Harrison

5. BRIEFING[BR 02242026b](#)

Draft 1

DEMENTIA PREVALENCE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Sheila Griffith, Vice President of Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association,
National Capital Area Chapter

Elana Belon-Butler, Director, Department of Family Services

Attachment(s): [Dementia Prevalence in Prince George's County 2026](#)

[1. MD Prevalence-Map-and-Spreadsheet by
Jurisdiction 2023](#)

[2. Maryland-Alzheimers-2025-Facts-Figures](#)

[3. Additional information on Alzheimers](#)

[4. Brain Health Community Event Flyer May 23 2026](#)

The briefing convened at 11:26 a.m. Anya Makarova, Senior Advisor to the Board of Health, introduced Sheila Griffith, Vice President of Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter and Elana Belon-Butler, Director, Department of Family Services who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Dementia Prevalence in Prince George's County". The presentation highlighted the following: 2025 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures; About the Alzheimer's Association; Dementia; What is Alzheimer's; Populations at Higher Risk; Prevalence in Maryland; Counties in Maryland (Population age 65+); Alzheimer's Association in Prince George's County; and The U.S. Pointer Brain Health Recipe. Ms. Griffith and Ms. Belon-Butler then responded to questions from council members.

This Briefing was held.

BRIEFING (Continued)[BR 02242026c](#)

Draft 1

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS P3 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Greg Akerman, President, Baltimore-DC Building Trades
 Rick Munford, Preconstruction Director, MCN Build
 Jason Washington, Associate Superintendent of Supporting Services, PGCPS

Attachment(s): [P3 School Construction Project - CC 02-24-2026](#)

The briefing convened at 12:03 p.m. Arun Puracken, Director, Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD), provided an overview and introduced Greg Akerman, President, Baltimore-DC Building Trades, Dr. Charoscar Coleman, Chief Operating Officer, Shawn Matlock, Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure & Planning, Jason Washington, Associate Superintendent of Supporting Services, and Rick Munford, Preconstruction Director, MCN Build, who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, " Prince George's County Council - Blueprint Schools Phase II Update". The presentation highlighted the following: Program Pillars; P3 Overview; Blueprint Schools Phase 2 Report; Key Provisions; Compliance Tracker (through January 2026); Community Equity Investment Program; Proposed Timeline; Brent Elementary School; Margaret Brent ES Schedule Overview; Progress Pictures; Templeton Elementary School; Templeton ES Schedule Overview; and Progress Pictures. The presenters responded to questions from council members.

This Briefing was held.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

Aye 7 - Oriadha, Olson, Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

Absent Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Fisher and Harrison

[REC7-26](#)

Draft 1

RECESS

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 12:43 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by

Council Member Dernoga, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye 9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

Absent Blegay and Harrison

RECONVENE

THIS MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:31 P.M.

APPT-13-26

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual as the District 9 representative on the Prince George's County Board of Education:

Ms. Chaundrai Jackson-Saunders

Appointment

Replacing: Vacant

Term Expiration: December 2026

Attachment(s): [Board of Education Appt Transmittal 02-20-2026](#)
Board of Education Appt_Packet 02-20-2026

Arun Puracken, Director, Education Workforce and Development Committee (EWD) provided a report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for of the appointment.

A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Hunter, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

Absent Fisher and Harrison

[ADJ13-26](#)

ADJOURN

Draft 1

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:34 P.M.

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

Aye 10 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs,
Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey, Hunter and Adams

Absent Harrison

1:00 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council