

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2019 Legislative Session

Reference No.:	Appointment	Keith E. Bell Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Draft No.:	1	
Committee:	Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee	
Date:	10/24/2019	
Action:	FAV	

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Glaros and Turner).

The TIEE Committee convened on October 24, 2019 to consider the appointment of Mr. Keith E. Bell to serve as a Commissioner on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) for Prince George's County. Mr. Bell was joined by the County Executive's Appointments Liaison Miriam Brewer, as he discussed his background and qualifications currently as an Administrative Law Judge with the federal Occupational Safety & Health Review Commission, and previously in the same capacity with the Social Services Administration's Office of Disability and Review in Columbia, Missouri. Mr. Bell discussed the importance of negotiation skills in the role of WSSC Commissioner on behalf of Prince George's County customers and expressed his desire to accept this role.

The Committee's discussion covered several topics including: maintaining the Commission's Triple-A bond rating; the evaluation of the impact of the Commission's new rate structure on the customer base, and; the balancing of cost controls with required maintenance activities. Mr. Bell's four-year appointment would expire on February 28, 2023.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointment by a vote of 5-0.