

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Burroughs, and Dernoga)

The Committee convened on September 26, 2024, to consider the reappointment of Ms. Jennifer S. Cross and the appointment of Ms. Tracey A. Duval to the Prince George's County Agricultural Resources Advisory Committee (ARAC). The appointment package was transmitted to the Council by County Executive Alsobrooks on August 23, 2024. The Public Hearing on the appointments is scheduled for October 8, 2024. The County Executive's Appointments Liaison, Miriam Brewer, summarized the backgrounds of both appointees for the Committee:

Ms. Jennifer S. Cross, a resident of Brandywine, is proud to be part of a 5th generation farming family. She is a member of the Prince George's County Farm Bureau (PGCFB) and is the PGCFB Women's Leadership Chair. Ms. Cross' professional memberships include, but are not limited to, the American Farm Bureau Federation Go Team, the American Agri-Women, and the Northeast Regional Representative to the American Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Committee. She was appointed to the ARAC in 2023.

Ms. Tracey A. Duval, a resident of Suitland, is a Project/Program Manager with the federal government with twenty-three (23) years of expertise and is skilled in managing globally distributed teams. Her love for farming began with watching her grandfather farm in Jamaica. She is an Urban Farmer who enrolled in the Beginner Farmer Training Program's Growing Urban Farms and Farmers through Eco City Farms. Ms. Duval received her undergraduate degree from CUNY, Hunter College, and a Master of Professional Studies degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC).

Ms. Duval provided brief remarks on their backgrounds and desire to serve on the ARAC. Ms. Cross was unable to attend. Both appointments expire on June 30, 2027.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointments by a vote of 3-0.