

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (Council Members Watson, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, and Oriadha)

The Prince George's County Council's Government and Operations Committee convened on September 11, 2025, to consider the appointment of the Director of the Office of Information Technology, Mr. Vennard Wright.

The OIT Director is responsible for information management and technology within the County government and for maintaining an effective and efficient information and communications system, including coordination with the Office of Homeland Security to provide maintenance and support for public safety and emergency communication systems. The Director shall also be responsible for the administration of the Cable Television Commission of the County.

Mr. Wright is President and CEO of Per-Vista, an award-winning AI-weapons detection firm, and he is knowledgeable about county government thanks to his service as Chief Information Officer and Director of the Office of Information Technology from 2012-2017. Mr. Wright stated that he wanted to come back to work for the County because he feels the County is under attack, and he wants to do his part using his three decades of experience to keep technology at the forefront and to ensure that the County has the technology we need and that the County lives up to its potential.

Committee Vice-Chair Blegay spoke about positive experiences she has had working with Mr. Wright and thanked him for the time he spent introducing her to Artificial Intelligence, helping establish a workgroup on the subject, and introducing her to the local technology council.

Council Vice-Chair Oriadha reminded the Director of their conversation and encouraged him to ensure the agency is helpful for millennial leaders.

After further discussion, the Prince George's County Council's Government Operations

and Fiscal Policy Committee reported favorably on Mr. Vennard Wright's appointment as the County's Director of the Office of Information Technology, 5-0.