

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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REPORT: Favorable 9-0: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner. Absent: Franklin and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on July 1, 2021, to consider appointments of Mr. Abraham I. Garcia, Ms. Regina C. Gilmore, and Ms. Natalie L Stephenson to the Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel (CCOP). The purpose of the CCOP is to evaluate investigations of police misconduct and monitor the Prince George's County Police Department. The Commission is a seven-member panel created by CB-25-1990.

Ms. Miriam Brewer, Appointment Liaison, Office of the County Executive, provided a brief overview, introduced the appointees and explained that Llamilet Gutierrez, Esq, has asked not to be considered. The nominees also introduced themselves, delivered remarks, and answered questions from the committee members.

Mr. Abraham I. Garcia, a resident of Hyattsville, is a community leader, activist, and passionate for the betterment of his community. As a member of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), he is also known for using his Disc Jockey (DJ) skills to create space for the community and connect neighbors. He seeks to build a very strong, self-sufficient, and safe community. Mr. Garcia is a product of the Prince George's County Public Schools and possesses an Animal Laboratory Certification and a Cable Technician Certification.

Ms. Regina C. Gilmore, a resident of Clinton, has resided in Prince George's County since 1974. Ms. Gilmore possesses more than forty (40) years of experience in criminal justice management and conflict resolution. She is a former EEO counselor, EEO investigator, accreditation, and contract manager for corrections and community-based programs. Ms. Gilmore received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Antioch University and a Master of Theology from Logos Christian College.

Ms. Natalie L. Stephenson, a Bowie resident, is experienced in working in collaborative groups charged with analyzing situations, making sound decisions, and acting in the best interest of people, residents, members, and the community. She brings human relations, conflict management, and a shared vision for community uplift to the panel. Ms. Stephenson received both her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo and attained a second Master of Education from Trinity Washington University.

Council Vice-Chair Taveras noted that this is one of the most critical decisions we will make. Especially after the passing of Mr. George Floyd and in this climate where police reform is being addressed.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted the appointments to the Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel favorable, 9-0.