



# Prince George's County Council

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## Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

*Edward P. Burroughs III, Chair, District 8*

*Krystal Oriadha, Vice Chair, District 7*

*Wala Blegay, District 6*

*Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1*

*Wanika Fisher, District 2*

*Sydney J. Harrison, District 9*

*Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large*

*Jolene Ivey, At-Large*

*Eric C. Olson, District 3*

*Ingrid S. Watson, District 4*

*Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**Council Hearing Room**

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### **10:00 A.M. - PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

1. Council Chair Edward Burroughs, III, and Council Member Wanika Fisher, Esq. presented a proclamation to Judge Peter K. Killough in recognition of his "investiture as a Justice of the Maryland Supreme Court," in Prince George's County, Maryland.

2. Council Vice-Chair Krystal Oriadha, and Council Member Wanika Fisher, Esq. presented a proclamation to Carlos Lopez in recognition of "his commitment to the community," in Prince George's County, Maryland.

3. Council Vice-Chair Krystal Oriadha, and Council Member Ingrid Watson presented a proclamation to Kimberly Boddie in recognition of "Lupus Awareness Month, and her dedication to informing the community," in Prince George's County, Maryland.

4. Council Vice-Chair Krystal Oriadha, and Council Member Wanika Fisher, Esq. presented a proclamation to Thai Nguyen in recognition of "Asian-American Month and his commitment to customer service in the community," in Prince George's County, Maryland.

5. Council Chair Edward P. Burroughs and Council Member Wanika Fisher, Esq. presented a proclamation to Ngoc Thuan Tina Le in recognition of “Asian-American Month and her commitment to for her community service efforts to maintain Vietnamese culture” in Prince George’s County, Maryland

6. Council Vice-Chair Krystal Oriadha, Council Member Calvin Hawkins and Council Member Wala Blegay, Esq. presented a proclamation to Mardokai G. Russom in recognition of "the Eritrean community and their 34th Eritrean Independence Day," representing Prince George's County.

7. Council Chair Edward P. Burroughs, III and Council Member Wala Blegay, Esq. presented a proclamation to KLM Fierce in recognition of “winning a historic bid to The Summit, a premier recreational cheer leading competition hosted by Varsity in Tampa, Florida, April 26th-27th,” representing Prince George’s County, Maryland.

#### **11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*This meeting was called to order by Chair Edward P. Burroughs, III at 11:10 a.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Hawkins arrived at 11:22 a.m. Council Member Harrison had an excused absence. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).*

**Present:**        9 - Council Member Wala Blegay  
                         Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
                         Council Member Wanika Fisher  
                         Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
                         Council Member Eric Olson  
                         Council Member Ingrid Watson  
                         Member Jolene Ivey  
                         Chair Edward Burroughs  
                         Vice Chair Krystal Oriadha

**Excused:**        1 - Council Member Sydney Harrison

*Also present:*

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator*

*Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator*

*Karen T. 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 Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide*

*Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*

*Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law*

*Leroy Maddox, Legislative Attorney*

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer*

*Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly Committee*

*Nathaniel Tutt, Director, GOFP Committee*

*J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee*

### **INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Reverend Charles Lucas, Jr., Senior Pastor, Henson Valley Christian Church, Disciples of Christ (DOC), Fort Washington, MD. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for the family of Rev. Leslie Yvette Davis who was killed in her home over Mother's Day weekend. Council Member Olson requested continued prayer for the safe return of Kilmar Abrego Garcia from his illegal detainment in El Salvador. Council Member Blegay requested prayer for Council Chair Burroughs and for the federal workers who continue to be laid off and face dire economic uncertainty. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for communities in need, especially the seniors in her district, who are facing eviction. Council Member Ivey requested prayer for Council Member Harrison as he continues to recover from a horrific fire at his home.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Blegay.*

### **POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

*Council Chair Burroughs took a Point of Personal Privilege and presented a Powerpoint presentation titled "FY 2025 non-departmental grant related allocations". The presentation highlighted the following: "County council non-department grant process; How did we end up here?; Council Member Olson's FY25 Non-D List; Council Member Dernoga's FY25 Non-D List; Council Member Oriadha's FY25 Non-D List; CM Burroughs' FY25 Non-D List; and Funding Former Chair Ivey approved for Councilmember Blegay.*

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*Council Member Ivey made a motion to revert back to previous non-departmental grant fund allocations. The motion failed for lack of a second.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Ivey to revert back to previous non-departmental grant fund allocations.**

#### **REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

*Elsie Jacobs addressed the Council with her concerns about rental assistance for seniors facing eviction in the Windsor Crossing Senior Citizen Apartments. Deidra Henry Spires addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the youth leadership academy. Patricia Monroe addressed the Council with her concerns about the equitable distribution of funds for District 8. Sharon Lawrence addressed the Council with her concerns about the equitable distribution of funds for District 8. Jonathan Harris addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for the Burroughs District 8 Student Leadership Academy. Anthony Tilghman addressed the Council with his concerns about the equitable distribution of funds for District 7. Dr. Felton Moss addressed the Council with his concerns about the equitable distribution of funds for District 7. Natalie Walker addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the student leadership academy. Chris Cotton addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for HIV testing and treatment in District 8. Janna Parker addressed the Council with her concerns about the distribution of funds for programs that fulfill the needs of residents. Darrell Jordan addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for the Jacob's Ladder Youth Foundation. Catherine Rubio addressed the Council with her concerns about the rescission of non-departmental grant funding for the Central American Resource Center, Inc. (CARECEN). Isabella Khalek addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Em Morrison addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Kendall Harmon addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Nicholas Galloway addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Dianna Costa addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Andrea Delaid addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Dorea Melgar addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Alejandra W. addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Wilbert Garcia addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Jennifer*

*Iverson addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Child Resource Connect. Michelle Burton addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the Food Equity Council. Lorain Leonard addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the Marlton Pool. Renita Flood-Bennett addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the Fairmount Heights Community Development Corporation. Senita Hill addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for for Peace on Patuxent, Inc. Tracey Wagstaff addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Peace on Patuxent, Inc. James Benjamin addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Autism FYI. Gabriella Salmaron addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Chris Dwyer addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Jasmine Bestle-Taylor addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Eco City Farms. Jasmine Lemus-Zelaya addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Abraham Palacios addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for Vine Corps, Inc. Dr. Marcal Graham addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for the University of Maryland Educational Opportunity Center. Kate Talbot addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Solutions in Hometown Connections. Marzia Nasari addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Solutions in Hometown Connections. Kayla Agonoy addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Eco City Farms. Carlos Prillman addressed the Council with his concerns about funding for the Fairmount Heights Football Alumni Association. Amy Wineberg addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for the organization Health Connections for Cancer Support. Renate Reimschieschel addressed the Council with her concerns about funding for Cheverly Village, Inc.*

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 05062025a](#)

County Council Minutes dated May 6, 2025

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**Attachment(s):** [05062025a](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 05062025b](#)

County Council Minutes dated May 6, 2025 6PM

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**Attachment(s):** [05062025b](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) Introduction of Resolutions**[CR-055-2025](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING STRENGTHENING PRIVACY**

**PROTECTIONS** for the purpose of encouraging the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations of the Maryland General Assembly to strengthen and support local legislation privacy protections in Prince George's County for all residents, including but not limited to, teachers, principals, school board members and administration officials.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher, Burroughs, Watson and Blegay**Attachment(s):** [R2025055](#)[CR-055-2025 Summary](#)

*This proposed resolution places confidentiality protocols to protect all students in Prince George's County. The Maryland TRUST Act is a state law designed to limit cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, ensuring that immigrants can live without fear of unnecessary detention or deportation. The TRUST Act is intended to protect the rights of immigrants including their right to privacy and freedom from unwarranted detention. The proposed law prohibits any individual in the Prince George's Public Schools from using their resources and their office to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in enforcing federal immigration laws unless required by an administrative or criminal warrant. This helps foster trust between immigrant communities and local government, including schools, by ensuring students and their families feel safe seeking public education, without the threat of immigration enforcement*

*action. Furthermore, to further protect children in Prince George's County schools, policies explicitly prohibit targeting school-affiliated individuals -- including but not limited to -- teachers, principals, school board member, or residents from using social media to discuss or disclose any student's actual or perceived immigration status.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Burroughs, Watson and Blegay and referred to the Education and Workforce Development Committee.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

#### **CR-057-2025**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIVE-YEAR TRANSIT VISION PLAN** for the purpose of adopting the Prince George's County Five-Year Transit Vision Plan (TVP) as the official document to guide the County's implementation and operation of County public transportation services for the next five years.

**Sponsor(s):** Dernoga and Watson

**Attachment(s):** [CR-057-2025 - signed R2025057](#)  
[CR-057-2025 Summary](#)  
[CR-057-2025 Transmittal](#)  
[Transit Vision Plan 2025](#)  
[Transit Vision Plan 2025 Link](#)  
[Transit Vision Plan Presentation CC 05132025](#)

*This resolution will adopt the Prince George's County Five-Year Transit Vision Plan (TVP) as the official document to guide the County's implementation and operation of County public transportation services for the next five years.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Dernoga and Watson and referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

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### **MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	7 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey and Burroughs
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison, Hawkins and Oriadha

**2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA****3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**[LTR 05132025](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland, regarding HB1470.

**Attachment(s):** [Letter to Governor on HB1470](#)

*Marverly Nettles-Simpson, Director, General Assembly and Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a overview for the agenda letter. The Council took no position on the letter.*

**A motion was made by Chair Burroughs that no action be taken on this Agenda Letter. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	6 -	Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson and Burroughs
<b>Nay</b>	1 -	Ivey
<b>Absent</b>		Harrison, Hawkins and Oriadha

**4. RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION)**[CR-046-2025](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND OTHER FUNDS** for the purpose of appropriating funding from grants in the amount of \$15,061,198 for the Office of Human Resources Management, Circuit Court, Office of the State's Attorney, Police Department, Fire/EMS Department, Office of the Sheriff, Office of Homeland Security, Department of Family Services, Health Department, Department of Social Services, Department of Public Works and Transportation and Department of Housing and Community Development.

**Sponsor(s):** Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Blegay and Watson

**Attachment(s):** [CR-046-2025 - signed R2025046](#)  
[CR-046-2025 Summary](#)  
[CR-046-2025 Report](#)  
[CR-046-2025 PAFI](#)  
[CR-046-2025 Transmittal](#)

*Nathaniel Tutt, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee (GOF), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-046-2025.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council**



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**Member Olson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**                    8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha

**Absent**                Harrison and Hawkins

**RESOLUTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FINAL READING – (ADOPTION) (Continued)**

**[CR-047-2025](#)**

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION** for the purpose of authorizing the Director of the Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) to file applications for Fiscal Year 2026 from entities distributing Federal funding to include, but not be limited to those with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its’ offices and modal administrations, including the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MSHO) of the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); the United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS); the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its’ offices and modal administrations including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); the United States Department of Energy (DOE); the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington Region’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC).

**Sponsor(s):** Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Dernoga, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay, Olson and Watson

**Attachment(s):** [CR-047-2025 - signed](#)  
[R2025047](#)  
[CR-047-2025 Summary](#)  
[CR-047-2025 PAFI](#)  
[CR-047-2025 Transmittal](#)

*J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee (TIEE), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole for CR-047-2025.*

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

**Aye** 7 - Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha  
**Absent** Fisher, Harrison and Hawkins

## **5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

[CR-056-2025](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** for the purpose of extending the temporary appointment of Mr. Duane W. Prophet, as the Acting Director of the Office of Information Technology.

**Sponsor(s):** Fisher, Watson and Ivey

**Attachment(s):** [CR-056-2025 - signed R2025056](#)  
[CR-056-2025 Summary](#)

*This resolution will extend the temporary appointment of Mr. Duane W. Prophet as the Acting Director of the Office of Information Technology for an additional four calendar months.*

**This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Watson and Ivey.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye** 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha  
**Absent** Harrison and Hawkins

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

**Aye** 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha  
**Absent** Harrison and Hawkins

## **ADJOURN**

*THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:37 P.M.*

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

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<b>Aye</b>	8 -	Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
<b>Absent</b>		Harrison and Hawkins

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)****[EX 05132025](#)**

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Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7), and (8) , General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to be briefed by counsel as to and to discuss status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council’s position on pending litigation.

*The Chair read the following closing statement/motion to convene in executive session: “Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7), and (8) , General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to be briefed by counsel as to and to discuss status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council’s position on pending litigation.” The Executive Session was held (See County Council Minutes dated May 27, 2025 for details).*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this meeting be convened into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	7 -	Blegay, Dernoga, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
<b>Absent</b>		Fisher, Harrison and Hawkins

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council