



# Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration  
Building  
1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

*Jolene Ivey, Chair, District 5*  
*Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8*  
*Wala Blegay, District 6*  
*Sydney J. Harrison, District 9*  
*Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1*  
*Wanika Fisher, District 2*  
*Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large*  
*Eric C. Olson, District 3*  
*Krystal Oriadha, District 7*  
*Ingrid S. Watson, District 4*  
*Vacant - At-Large (effective: 06/15/2024)*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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

*The meeting was convened at 11:19 a.m. by Chair Jolene Ivey, with ten council members present at roll call.*

**Present:** 10 - Chair Jolene Ivey  
Council Member Sydney Harrison  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Vice Chair Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha  
Council Member Ingrid Watson

*Also present:*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator  
Colette R. Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator  
Karen T. Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council  
Edgar Reese, Legislative Reference Aide  
Leroy Maddox, Legislative Attorney*

### **INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Ayesha Staples, Minister and First Lady of the Church of Adullam, Temple Hills, Maryland. Council Chair Ivey recognized the birthday of Council Member Oriadha. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for Council Member Oriadha's birthday as well as for her own mother who recently celebrated her birthday.*

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

*There were no requests to address the Council.*

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **1. REMARKS BY THE 2024 COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

*Council Chair Ivey and outgoing Vice Chair Harrison provided remarks as they reflected on the County Council's achievements in the 2024 legislative year and exchanged gifts commemorating their time as Chair and Vice Chair.*

## **2. ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE YEAR**

### **CHAIR-2025**

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**ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR TO SERVE FROM  
DECEMBER 3, 2024 TO DECEMBER 2, 2025.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that Council Member Olson be elected as Chair. The motion failed by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	5 -	Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Olson and Oriadha
<b>Nay</b>	1 -	Hawkins
<b>Abstain</b>	4 -	Ivey, Harrison, Fisher and Watson

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Vice Chair Harrison, that Chair Ivey be re-elected as Chair. The motion failed by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	5 -	Ivey, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Watson
<b>Nay</b>	3 -	Blegay, Burroughs and Oriadha
<b>Abstain</b>	2 -	Dernoga and Olson

**A motion was made by Council Member Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that Council Member Blegay be elected as Chair. The motion failed by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	5 -	Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Olson and Oriadha
<b>Abstain</b>	5 -	Ivey, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Watson

### **VICECHAIR-2025**

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**ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TO SERVE FROM  
DECEMBER 3, 2024 TO DECEMBER 2, 2025.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that Council Member Oriadha to be elected as Vice Chair. The motion failed by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	5 -	Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Olson and Oriadha
<b>Abstain</b>	5 -	Ivey, Harrison, Fisher, Hawkins and Watson

**A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that Council Member Burroughs be elected as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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<b>Aye</b>	6 -	Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Hawkins, Olson and Oriadha
<b>Abstain</b>	4 -	Ivey, Harrison, Fisher and Watson

### 3. EXCHANGE OF GAVEL

### 4. REMARKS BY INCOMING 2025 COUNCIL CHAIR

*Council Chair Ivey provided comments and thanked her colleagues. Chair Ivey relayed that she looks forward to working with her colleagues and others to solve the upcoming challenges that face the county and considers it a privilege to continue serving as Chair. Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator responded to questions from Council Members and relayed that since no Chair was elected, the current Chair of the Council continues to serve, unless or until a Chair is elected by the Council.*

#### REC2-25

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#### RECESS

*The meeting was recessed at 11:52 a.m.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Burroughs, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.**

<b>Aye</b>	10 -	Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
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**RECONVENE**

*The meeting was reconvened at 12:01 p.m.*

**5. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 11142024](#)

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County Council Minutes dated November 14, 2024

**Attachment(s):** [11142024](#)

**These Minutes were approved.**

[MIN 11192024](#)

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated November 19, 2024

**Attachment(s):** [11192024](#)

**These Minutes were approved.**

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**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Aye**            10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

[EX 12032024](#)

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Motion to convene in executive session to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with section 3-305(b)(7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland-more specifically, to be briefed by counsel as to, and to discuss, the 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 to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with section 3-305(b)(7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland-more specifically, to be briefed by counsel as to, and to discuss, the 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.*

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

**Aye**                      10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

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**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:05 PM.*

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

**Aye**                      10 - Ivey, Harrison, Dernoga, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)**

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

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