



# Prince George's County Council

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1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

*Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large*  
*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 - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)*

*Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator*

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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**9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

**10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)**

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

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:14 a.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Blegay arrived at 11:16 a.m. Council Member Harrison had an excused absence away on county business. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).*

- Present:** 9 - Chair Jolene Ivey  
Vice Chair Edward Burroughs  
Council Member Wala Blegay  
Council Member Thomas Dernoga  
Council Member Wanika Fisher  
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins  
Council Member Eric Olson  
Council Member Krystal Oriadha  
Council Member Ingrid Watson
- Excused:** 1 - Council Member Sydney Harrison

*Also present:*

*Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator*  
*Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator*  
*Karen Zvakos, Associate Council Administrator*  
*Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council*  
*Leonard Moses, Deputy Clerk of the Council*  
*James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council*  
*Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive*  
*Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law*  
*Leroy Maddox, Jr., Legislative Attorney*

**INVOCATION:**

*The Invocation was provided by Devon Martin, Council staff. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Council Member Olson as he returns to the Council after the passing of his father. Chair Ivey also requested prayer for federal workers, both within the region and across the country, during this period of economic uncertainty. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for the health of the county's residents in light of a recent flu outbreak that has affected several children.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

*Jacques Chevalier and Ruth Wright addressed the Council concerning litter and free speech.*

**BUSINESS MEETING****1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 02182025](#)

County Council Minutes dated February 18, 2025

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**Attachment(s):** [02182025](#)

**These Minutes were approved.**

**(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**

[CB-017-2025](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS** for the purpose of providing for a certain relocation payment for certain housing deemed unfit for human habitation; providing for a certain first right to reoccupy certain rental housing; and generally regarding landlord-tenant relations.

**Sponsor(s):** Oriadha

**Attachment(s):** [B2025017](#)

[CB-017-2025 Summary](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.**

[CB-018-2025](#)

Draft 1

**AN ACT CONCERNING TAXES ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES - USE OF REVENUE** for the purpose of imposing an excise tax on certain telecommunications service to be used instead of a sales and use tax and generally relating to taxes on telecommunication services and funding requirements in primary and secondary education.

**Attachment(s):** [B2025018](#)  
[CB-018-2025 Summary](#)  
[CB-018-2025 Transmittal](#)

**This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

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

[Consent9-25](#)

Draft 1

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

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

<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison

### **2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

### **3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

[LTR 02252025](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

**Attachment(s):** [Delegation Position Letter Week 2-25-25 ltr head - signed pdf](#)  
[HB 1222 Position Statement](#)  
[HB 270 Position Statement](#)  
[HB 1131 Prince George's County Council\\_FAV](#)  
[HB 1422 Prince George's County Council\\_FAV](#)  
[CR-005-2024 - signed](#)

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the agenda letter.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

[CR-007-2025](#)

Draft 1

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION** for the purpose of Prince George's County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Financial Assurance Plan (FAP) for approving the Prince George's County Financial Assurance as required by State law.

**Sponsor(s):** Ivey, Burroughs, Watson, Blegay and Oriadha

**Attachment(s):** [R2025007](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-1](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-2](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit B](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Summary](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Report](#)  
[CR-007-2025 PAFI](#)  
[CR-007-2025 Transmittal](#)  
[DoE FAP Presentation 2025](#)

*Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:31 a.m. There were no speakers signed up for this item. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held. Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive, stated that the County Executive had no additional comments on CR-007-2025. Terry Bell, Associate County Attorney, stated that the Office of Law has reviewed CR-007-2025 and finds no legal impediments to its enactment.*

**The public hearing for this Resolution was held.**

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison

**PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)**[LTR 02252025b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to Janie Nham and Victoria Caudullo, Transportation Land Use Connections Program, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, supporting the Northern Prince George's East West Bikeway (NPGEWB) Planning Study.

**Attachment(s):** [Letter of Endorsement for NPGEWB - signed pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison

**RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**[LTR 02182025c](#)

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Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, regarding opposition to the Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (MAGLEV).

**Attachment(s):** [MAGLEVOPP LETTER FINAL - signed pdf](#)

*Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided comments on reconsidering and revising the agenda letter.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be reconsidered. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison

**A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Aye</b>	7 - Ivey, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson and Watson
<b>Absent</b>	Harrison
<b>Abstain</b>	2 - Burroughs and Oriadha

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*THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:34 A.M.*

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

**Aye**                    9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

**Absent**                Harrison

**11:30 AM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

**2:00 PM - BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)**

*(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)*

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