

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: APPOINTMENT PLANNING BOARD

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 07/01/2025

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably 11-0 (In favor: Chair Burroughs, Vice-Chair Oriadha, Council Members Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Ivey, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson)

The County Council Committee of the Whole met on July 1, 2025, to consider the appointment of the Honorable Darryl Barnes as Chair, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

On June 22, 2025, County Executive Braveboy transmitted a letter to the County Council pursuant to Land Use Article Sections 14-101(b), 15-102, 15-103 and 15-107 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Sections 322, 402 and 504 of the Charter of Prince George's County appointing the Honorable Darryl Barnes to serve as Chairperson for the M-NCPPC.

Mr. Darryl Barnes, a resident of Largo, will serve as Chair for a term expiring on June 24, 2029. The appointee introduced himself and provided brief biographical information. Mr. Barnes discussed his vision, reasons for his willingness to serve, and the contributions and changes he would make as Chairperson of M-NCPPC.

All Council Members congratulated Mr. Barnes on the nomination as chairperson. During a robust discussion, County Council Members asked various questions regarding Mr. Barnes' vision for the agency.

Additionally, two students from Crossland High School, in County Council District Eight, asked Mr. Barnes questions. The first student, Ms. Psalm Fowlkes, asked if he would create a student advisory board to address providing programs for students. Mr. Barnes requested that Ms. Psalm Fowlkes serve as Chair of the advisory board. The second student, Mr. O'Marie Barnes requested that Mr. Barnes consider three areas when becoming chairperson: openness to innovative programs and ideas (new funding sources, community partnerships and collaborations), tenacity when dealing with funding shortages and budget restraints that threaten communities in need, and commitment to the integration of youth voices in planning major policies and initiatives. Mr. Darryl Barnes thanked Mr. O'Marie Barnes and addressed his discussion points, promising bold changes that will impact the citizens of Prince George's County. Mr. Barnes also explained that his vision aligns with the Prince George's County Council and the County Executive to be inclusive of everyone.

The Committee of the Whole voted favorably, 11-0, to appoint the Honorable Darryl Barnes as Chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Prince George's County.