



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Krystal Oriadha, Chair, District 7
Eric C. Olson, Vice Chair, District 3
Shayla D. Adams-Stafford, District 5
Wala Blegay, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs III, District 8
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Danielle I. Hunter, District 6
Jolene Ivey, At-Large
Vacant - District 4 (effective 01/16/2026)

David Murray, Council Administrator

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

10:30 AM

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Virtual Meeting

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

The virtual meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 10:38 a.m. with 7 members present at roll call. Council Member Fisher arrived at 10:42 a.m. Council Member Blegay arrived at 11:25 a.m. (Vacant - District 4 (effective: 01/16/2026)).

Absent: Council Member Edward Burroughs

Remote: 9 - Chair Krystal Oriadha
Vice Chair Eric Olson
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Danielle Hunter

Also present:

David Murray, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Karen 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 L. Reese, Legislative Reference Aide
Kenneth Battle, Director, TIEE Committee
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney
Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer
Sandra Eubanks, Director, GOFP Committee
Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The Chair announced a moment of silence in recognition of the life lost in the ICE protests in Minnesota and for those recovering from the recent heavy snow storm.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

David Hiles, Sarah Hynes, Jane Horvath, and Doris Bartel addressed the Council with their concerns about federal immigration officials unjustly entering the county and detaining county residents.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Chair Oriadha took a point of personal privilege to address the concerns of citizens regarding federal immigration officials and emphasize the Council's commitment to protecting the county's migrant community.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 01092026](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 9, 2026

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [01092026](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 01202026](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 20, 2026

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [01202026](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[Consent2-26](#)**MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

Draft 1

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

Aye	8 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent	Blegay and Burroughs

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 01272026a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Ron Watson, Acting 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 legislation.

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter Week 1-27-26](#)
[Delegation Position Letter -Municipal Zoning](#)

Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the General Assembly Committee for the delegation position letters.

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

Aye	8 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent	Blegay and Burroughs

4. BRIEFINGS

[BR 01272026a](#)

Draft 1

2025-2026 COMPENSATION REVIEW BOARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Honorable Camille A. Exum, Chair

Attachment(s): [2025-2026 COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMISSION FINAL REPORT \(1\)](#)
[2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission Presentation CC 01-27-2026](#)

The briefing convened at 11:09 a.m. Council Chair Oriadha introduced The Honorable Camille A. Exum, Chair, Compensation Review Commission, who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Report and Recommendations of The Prince George's County 2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission". The presentation highlighted the following: Fiscal Condition of the County; Compensation of Persons in Similarly Situated Positions; CPI-U Projections; Salaries of Other County Major Executives;

Surrounding Jurisdictions Fiscal Year 2024; Comparison with State Elected Officials; Comparison with Federal Elected Officials; Demanding Duties and Responsibilities of County Council Members and the County Executive; 2025-2026 Compensation Review Commission Recommendations (County Council & County Executive); and Compensation Recommendations. Ms. Exum then responded to questions from Council Members and the briefing concluded at 11:21 a.m.

This Briefing was held.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

[APPT-3-26](#)

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual to the Board of Ethics for Prince George's County:

Dr. Gerald T. Folsom

Appointment

Replacing: Melanie Barr-Brooks

Term Expiration: 12/1/2027

Attachment(s): [12-08-2026 Board of Ethics_Appt. Transmittal](#)
[12-08-2025 Board of Ethics_Appt. Package](#)
[Board of Ethics Committee Report](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:22 a.m. Sandra Eubanks, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for the Board of Ethics appointment. Lajoia Cannon, Interim Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the nominee and spoke to his credentials and qualifications. Reverend Tony Lee, Pastor, Community of Hope AME Church, and Reverend Kris Natesan, Pastor, Hemingway Memorial AME Church, spoke on behalf of the nominee. The nominee also provided comments. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter

Absent

Burroughs

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - (VIRTUAL MEETING) (Continued)[APPT-4-26](#)

Draft 1

Appointment of the following individual to the Board of Ethics for Prince George's County:**Ms. Lori Mari Matthews**

Appointment

Replacing: Vacant

Term Expiration: 12/1/2026

Attachment(s): [12-08-2025 Board of Ethics_Appt. Transmittal](#)
[12-08-2025 Board of Ethics_Appt. Package](#)
[Board of Ethics_Appt. Committee Report](#)

Pursuant to proper notice, the public hearing convened at 11:34 a.m. Sandra Eubanks, Director, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GOFP) Committee, provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the GOFP Committee for the Board of Ethics appointment. Lajoia Cannon, Interim Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the nominee and spoke to her credentials and qualifications. Brandi Bridgett and Byron Cage spoke on behalf of the nominee. The nominee also provided comments. All persons wishing to speak having done so, the public hearing was declared held.

The public hearing for this Appointment was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Harrison, that this Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent	Burroughs

6. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**[CR-002-2026](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING IMPROVING POLICE AND DRIVER INTERACTIONS DURING TRAFFIC STOPS for the purpose of extending the deadline established in CR-077-2025 for submission of the driver handbook concerning police and driver interactions during traffic stops; providing for an additional sixty (60) days to complete the handbook; and generally relating to the implementation of CR-077-2025.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha, Ivey and Olson

Attachment(s): [R2026002](#)
[CR-002-2026 Summary](#)

The purpose of this resolution is to extend the deadline set for CR-077-2025, which was originally set at 90 days. This resolution will grant the Office of Integrity, Compliance, and Police Accountability Board and the Prince George's Police Department an additional 60 days to complete the driver handbook that was originally described in CR-077-2025.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Ivey and Olson.

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

Aye 9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent Burroughs

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

Aye 9 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent Burroughs

BRIEFINGS – (Continued)[BR 01272026b](#)

Draft 1

DMVMOVES BRIEFING

Kanti Srikanth, Deputy Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

Attachment(s): [COG PGC Presentation CC 01-27-2026](#)
[Sample Endorsement of the DMVMoves 1](#)
[Sample Endorsement of the DMVMoves 2](#)

The briefing convened at 11:48 a.m. Council Chair Oriadha introduced Kanti Srikanth, Deputy Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "DMVMOVES Moving our region forward, together". The presentation highlighted the following: DMVMoves Plan summary; Recommendations for a more integrated and customer-focused regional transit network; Prince George's County Role in Implementation; Call to Action and Path Forward; DMVMOVES is a joint initiative to develop a unified vision and sustainable funding model for public transit in our region; Region is growing and has aspirational goals; World-class transit is critical to the region's goals; Proposed DMVMoves Regional Bus Priority Plan concept; Potential funding strategies; and Estimated jurisdictional shares of Metro investment plan (subject to legislative agreement). The panelist responded to questions from Council Members and the briefing concluded at 12:03 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

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THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 12:05 P.M.

12:30 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

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THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 2:20 PM.

BRIEFINGS – (Continued)

[BR 01272026c](#)

Draft 1

DATA CENTER TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Anthony Jones, Esq., Co-Chair, Data Center Task Force
Darryl Barnes, Chairman, Prince George's Planning Board Chairman
James Hunt, MPA, Acting Planning Director, Prince George's Planning Department
Elaine Asal, Principal, Strategy Director Strategy Practice Area Leader, Southeast, Gensler
Evan Todtz, AICP, Urban Design/Planner, Gensler
Hadar Boker, Design Strategist, Gensler

Attachment(s): [Qualified Data Centers Task Force Report](#)
[Qualified Data Centers Task Force Presentation CC 01-27-2026](#)

The briefing convened at 2:20 p.m. Council Vice Chair Olson introduced Anthony Jones, Esq., Co-Chair, Data Center Task Force, who provided comments. Vice Chair Olson also introduced Paula Davis, Chief of Staff to the Chairman, M-NCPPC, who provided comments and introduced Vanessa Akins, Special Project Management Coordinator and the Project Manager for the Prince George's County Qualified Data Centers Task Force, who also provided comments. Ms. Akins then introduced Elaine Asal, Strategy Director, Principal, Southeast, Gensler, who introduced Hadar Boker, Design Strategist, Gensler, Evan Todtz, AICP, Urban Design/Planner, Gensler, and Heather M. Urwiller, Special Program Management Coordinator, Planning Director's Office, M-NCPPC, who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Qualified Data Centers in Prince George's County". The presentation highlighted the following: Project Mission & Goals; Introduction & Executive Summary; Task Force Overview; Task Force Members; Taskforce Meeting Summaries; Community Engagement Summary; Meeting Details & Attendance; Meeting Agenda; Roundtable Discussions; Community Engagement Analysis; Community Engagement Discussion Results; Case Study Comparison; Current Regulations In Prince George's County; Five Jurisdictions; Case Study Comparison; Policy Recommendations; Guiding Principles; Next Steps; and Types Of Data Centers. The panelists responded to questions from Council Members and

Council Chair Oriadha granted a request for public comment. Chair Oriadha announced interested persons could provide their name and address and request to speak. Belinda Queen, Michael Lavina, Laila Riazi, Staci Hartwell, Imara Crooms, Susan McCutchen, and Greg Smith provided comments. The briefing concluded at 4:08 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EX 01272026

Draft 1

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305 (b)(1), (7), and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and to consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to discuss the status of personnel of the County Council.

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)(1), (7), and (8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and to consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to discuss the status of personnel of the County Council." The Executive Session was held.

On 1/27/2026, a motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 7, Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey and Hunter.

Date of Executive Session: January 27, 2026

Location: Virtual

Beginning time: 4:17 pm

Ending time: 4:48 pm

Members present:

Chair Oriadha, Vice Chair Olson, CM Dernoga, CM Fisher, CM Adams-Stafford, CM Hunter, CM Burroughs, CM Blegay, CM Ivey

Others Present:

David Murray, Colette Gresham, Karen Zvakos, Donna Brown, and Josh Hamlin

Items discussed:

-Discussed the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction and to consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically to discuss correspondence relating to an incident with the incumbent Integrity and Compliance Officer (ICO) for the County, and to be advised on respective legal ramifications.

Action:

Motion to conduct a full investigation into allegations of ICO vehicle accident, allegation of workplace misconduct, and failure to follow PGCPSS established procedures, and all allegations of misconduct by the ICO; to authorize the Chair to hire an independent investigator to conduct the investigation; to place the ICO on administrative leave with pay and otherwise in accordance with the established procedures of the PGCPSS.

The motion was made by Council Member Burroughs; seconded by Council Chair Oriadha.

Vote: 6-0-2

Aye: Oriadha, Olson, Dernoga, Fisher, Hunter, Burroughs

Abstain: Ivey and Adams-Stafford

Council Member Burroughs made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Council Member Dernoga. Vote: 9-0

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

Aye 7 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Fisher, Ivey and Hunter

Absent Blegay, Burroughs and Harrison

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)[LTR 01272026b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland, The Honorable William Ferguson IV, Senate President, and The Honorable Josa Pena Melnyk, Speaker of the House, supporting Governor Moore's redistricting recommendations.

Attachment(s): [Letter to support for HB 488 - Governor Redistricting Recommendations](#)

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

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

Aye	8 - Oriadha, Olson, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Ivey and Hunter
Absent	Blegay and Burroughs

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (Continued)[CR-003-2026](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2007 APPROVED WESTPHALIA SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT for the purpose of terminating a major amendment to the 2007 Approved Westphalia Sector Plan (2007 Sector Plan), which covers a portion of Planning Area 78 of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, and terminating a concurrent sectional map amendment for the project pursuant to Part 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Oriadha and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [R2026003](#)
[CR-003-2026 Summary](#)
[CR-003-2026 Planning Board Request](#)
[PGCPB Transmittal Packet 1-23-2026](#)

Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee, provided an overview of CR-003-2026.

The purpose of this resolution is to repeal CR-82-2025 and terminate a major amendment to the 2007 Approved Westphalia Sector Plan and concurrent sectional map amendment. The period of time allotted to this plan

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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