

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

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### REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Streeter, Turner, Dernoga, Glaros, and Taveras)

The Committee convened on September 22, 2022, to consider the appointment of Ms. Lynnette D. Espy-Williams to serve on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission representing Prince George's County. Ms. Espy-Williams's term would expire on June 1, 2024.

The appointment package was transmitted to the Council by County Executive Alsobrooks on August 10, 2022. The Public Hearing on the appointment is scheduled for September 27, 2022. Ms. Espy-Williams was introduced by the County Executive's Appointments Liaison, Miriam Brewer, who summarized her background with Cozen O'Connor where Ms. Espy-Williams manages every phase of litigation including taking and defending fact and expert depositions; preparing and arguing key motions; negotiating with opposing counsel; drafting motions for summary judgment and participating in pre-trial conferences. Ms. Espy-Williams is also responsible for management and financial affairs for over 1,600 employees and is the Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer. She previously served as Vice-Chair and Office Managing Partner. In the community, she serves on the Advisory Board of the Corporate Counsel Women of Color.

Ms. Espy-Williams earned her undergraduate degree from Spelman College and her Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law. She holds the following licenses: U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts, Georgia Supreme Court, Georgia Court of Appeals, Maryland Courts, and Georgia State and Superior Court.

She provided remarks regarding her family's commitment to public service and her priorities related to the Commission's oversight responsibilities and the need to focus on the billing issues as well as the General Manager search.

After the discussion, the Committee voted favorably on the appointment by a vote of 5-0.