



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
Jolene Ivey, At-Large
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4
Vacant - District 6 (effective 1/5/2026)

David Murray, Council Administrator

Friday, January 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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SPECIAL MEETING

1:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

The virtual meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 1:10 pm with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Burroughs arrived at 1:11 pm. (Vacant - District 6 (effective: 01/05/2026)).

Absent: Council Member Wanika Fisher

Remote: 9 - Chair Krystal Oriadha
Vice Chair Eric Olson
Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Edward Burroughs
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Ingrid Watson

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, III, Legislative Reference Aide

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Chair announced a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Watson.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Chair Oriadha recognized County Executive Aisha Braveboy who addressed the Council. Rande Atcherson, Delegate Deni Taveras, Eddie Reyes, Hanani Wade, Erica Boursiquot, Pamela Cabrera and James Fleming also addressed the Council.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 12022025](#)

Draft 1

County Council Minutes dated December 2, 2025

Attachment(s): [12022025](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 12292025](#)

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County Council Minutes dated December 29, 2025

Attachment(s): [12292025](#)**These Minutes were approved.**[MIN 01062026](#)

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County Council Minutes dated January 6, 2026

Attachment(s): [01062026](#)**These Minutes were approved.****CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)****(b) Introduction of Resolutions**[CR-001-2026](#)

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND NATIONAL-CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION for the purpose of approving a certain transfer of appropriations within the Recreation Fund of the Approved Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha and Burroughs**Attachment(s):** [R2026001](#)[CR-001-2026 Summary](#)

This resolution amends Prince George's County portion of the FY 2026 Budget for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to reallocate funding within the Commission's Recreation Fund. Within the approved FY 2026 budget, the Council set aside \$6.3 million for potential programming opportunities for the Department of Parks and Recreation as well as \$14.7 million for reimbursable recreation activities carried out by local organizations (project charges). Since the passage of the budget in May 2025, the Council has identified new partnership opportunities and recreational needs which can be fulfilled through its Council-directed pilot program. Accordingly, this resolution reallocates funds from specific projects set forth in the resolution to the County Council's pilot for recreation programming.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Oriadha and Burroughs and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

2. BRIEFING

[BR 01092026](#)

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DISTRICT 6 COUNTY COUNCIL VACANCY - INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The District 6 County Council office is vacant, effective January 5, 2026, due to the resignation of the incumbent. Pursuant to County Code Section 2-104(j), "When there is a vacancy in the office of a Council Member that occurs during the last year of a term, a majority of the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy within thirty (30) calendar days."

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Individuals must be a resident of Prince George's County and have been a qualified voter of their respective Council district for at least one year.

The County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, will hold the following informational briefing for the public to hear from those under consideration by the Council.

The briefing convened at 1:36 p.m. Chair Oriadha introduced David Murray, Council Administrator, who provided an overview of the District 6 Council Vacancy status and informational briefing. Kenneth V. Blanchard, Sr., Belinda Queen Cunningham, Kenneth Fishe, Charles D. Fowler IV, David W. Hawkins Jr., Bernard A. Holloway, Danielle Hunter, Nkechi Ilechie, Michael A. Jones II, Dominique L. Lamb, Joel R. Peebles Jr., Eugene J. Powell, Jennifer Rios, Antonio Smith, Brytani Sumby, Cheryl Borden Thompson, LaShauna M. Tillmon, Christopher L. Tucker, Eleanor Washington and Tameeka Washington expressed their interest in the District 6 Council vacancy and presented their qualifications. The briefing concluded at 2:09 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

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RECESS

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 2:14 PM.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Vice Chair Olson, that this meeting be recessed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

[EX 01092026](#)

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Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter.

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)(i), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss the appointment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, specifically to discuss the appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter." The Executive Session was held.

Beginning time: 2:19 pm

Ending time: 2:30 pm

Location: Virtual

Members present: CM Oriadha, CM Olson, CM Dernoga, CM Watson, CM Adams-Stafford, CM Blegay, CM Burroughs, CM Harrison, CM Ivey

Others Present: David Murray, Colette Gresham, Karen Zavakos, Donna Brown, and Josh Hamlin

Topics Discussed:

1. The appointment to fill a Council vacancy pursuant to Section 309 of the County Charter

Vote Closing the Meeting pursuant to Section 3-305(7,8): 9 - 0

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

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

RECONVENE

THE MEETING WAS RECONVENED AT 2:33 PM.

3. APPOINTMENT

The Chair acknowledged Karen Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator, who provided an overview of the current vacancy process.

[APPT-2-26](#)

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Appointment of Council Member to Represent Sixth Councilmanic District:

The Council appointed Danielle Hunter as Council Member for District 6.

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, to confirm the appointment of Danielle Hunter to Council District 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:42 PM.

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

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

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council