

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2026 Legislative Session

Reference No.: APPOINTMENT PLANNING BOARD

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 6/29/2026

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable (Chair Oriadha, Vice Chair Olson, Council Members Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Hunter, and Ivey)

The County Council Committee of the Whole met on June 29, 2026, to consider the appointment of Ms. Gloria Lawlah as a member of the Prince George's County Planning Board for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

On June 20, 2026, County Executive Aishia Braveboy transmitted a letter to the County Council in accordance with Land Use Article Section 15-103(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as well as Sections 322, 402, and 504 of the Charter of Prince George's County, appointing Ms. Gloria Lawlah to the Planning Board.

Ms. LaJoia Cannon, Interim Appointments Liaison from the Office of the County Executive, discussed the qualifications of the appointee. Ms. Lawlah, a resident of Temple Hills, will serve on the Planning Board for a term expiring on June 15, 2027, replacing Mr. Manuel Geraldo.

Secretary Lawlah is a highly accomplished leader with over fifty years of public service experience at the local, state, and national levels. Her background includes serving as the former Secretary of Aging, a State Senator, Chair of the Maryland Commission on Aging, President of the Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, and Federal Liaison Officer at Bowie State University. She has extensive experience collaborating with government agencies, community organizations, and legislative bodies to shape policies that promote smart growth, equity, and sustainability. Additionally, her work as a teacher and administrator in public schools highlights her commitment to education and community empowerment.

County Executive Braveboy values Secretary Lawlah's proven ability to advance policies that benefit Maryland residents, particularly seniors and families, demonstrating a commitment to fiscal responsibility and inclusive policymaking. Her expertise in intergovernmental affairs, budget management, and stakeholder engagement will be an invaluable asset to the Planning Board as it addresses land use, zoning, and development initiatives that will shape the County's future.

On motion of Council Member Fisher, seconded by Council Member Blegay, the County Council Committee of the Whole voted 8-0 favorably on the appointment.