



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Draft County Council

Jolene Ivey, Chair, At-Large
Edward P. Burroughs, III, Vice Chair, District 8
Wala Blegay, District 6
Sydney J. Harrison, District 9
Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1
Wanika Fisher, District 2
Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large
Eric C. Olson, District 3
Krystal Oriadha, District 7
Ingrid S. Watson, District 4
Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:10 a.m. with 8 members present at roll call. Council Member Blegay arrived at 11:20 a.m. The Council Administrator announced that Council Member Hawkins was on county business and had an excused absence. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

- Present:** 9 - Chair Jolene Ivey
Vice Chair Edward Burroughs
Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Krystal Oriadha
Council Member Ingrid Watson
- Excused:** 1 - Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins

Also present:

*Jennifer Jenkins, 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
Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney
Jabari Cooper, Legislative Officer
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney
J. Kenneth Battle, Jr., Director, TIEE Committee*

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Walter J.J. Smith, Pastor of Decatur Heights Baptist Church in Bladensburg, MD. Council Member Harrison requested prayer for his office manager and the Freeman-Knox family as they mourn the loss of her brother. Council Member Harrison also requested prayer for the country during these unprecedented times. Council Member Fisher requested prayer for our immigrant and migrant communities as well as for the federal employees in Prince George's County who experiencing financial and career instability. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for wisdom and the ability for the Council to resolve issues with the budget. Chair Ivey requested prayer for the victims of the recent plane crash tragedy and for the Chapman family as they funeralize Mrs. Mary Chapman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Fisher.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the Council.

LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 3

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1. CONSENT AGENDA**(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**[MIN 01282025](#)

County Council Minutes dated January 28, 2025

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Attachment(s): [01282025](#)**These Minutes were approved.****(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)**[CB-008-2025](#)**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT** for the purpose of revising the definition of public safety officers eligible for the real property tax credit.

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Sponsor(s): Blegay**Attachment(s):** [B2025008](#)
[CB-008-2025 Summary](#)**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Blegay and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**[CB-009-2025](#)**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISED ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT** for the purpose of revising the current elderly property tax credit to make its applicability exclusive of and separate and distinct from the Homestead and Maryland Homeowner's Property Tax Credit and changing the yearly thresholds for eligibility as well as addressing any hardships resulting thereof.

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Sponsor(s): Burroughs**Attachment(s):** [B2025009](#)
[CB-009-2025 Summary](#)**This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Burroughs and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.**

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**(c) Introduction of Resolutions****[CR-004-2025](#)**

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO REDUCING EMERGENCY ROOM WAIT TIMES for the purpose of expressing Prince George's County Council's commitment to work collaboratively with Montgomery County Council on a shared concern about ever increasing emergency room wait times in their respective hospitals.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Oriadha, Watson, Dernoga, Burroughs and Fisher

Attachment(s): [R2025004](#)
[CR-004-2025 Summary](#)

This legislation underscores Prince George's County Council's commitment to working collaboratively with Montgomery County Council on addressing issues with emergency room wait times.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Oriadha, Watson, Dernoga, Burroughs, and Fisher and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

[CR-006-2025](#)

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM WAIT TIMES for the purpose of extending the reporting time for the Task Force to Address Hospital Emergency Room Wait Times and adding two additional members.

Sponsor(s): Blegay, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs and Olson

Attachment(s): [R2025006](#)
[CR-006-2025 Summary](#)

The extension granted by this legislation will allow the task force to prepare a comprehensive and actionable report on the issue of ER wait times in Prince George's County.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Blegay, Watson, Fisher, Oriadha, Burroughs and Olson and referred to the Health, Human Services and Public Safety Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)[CR-007-2025](#)

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION for the purpose of Prince George's County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Financial Assurance Plan (FAP) for approving the Prince George's County Financial Assurance as required by State law.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Burroughs, Watson, Blegay and Oriadha

Attachment(s): [R2025007](#)
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A](#)
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-1](#)
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit A-2](#)
[CR-007-2025 Exhibit B](#)
[CR-007-2025 Summary](#)
[CR-007-2025 Transmittal](#)

The Environment Article of Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 4-202.1, mandates that jurisdictions that are subject to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I MS4 permit must submit a Financial Assurance Plan to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) every two years on the anniversary of the date of permit issuance. The purpose of the plan is to demonstrate that the jurisdiction has the funding capacity necessary to fulfill the watershed protection and restoration requirements in accordance with the NPDES permit. State law requires that the financial assurance plan be approved by the local governing body after public hearing.

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Burroughs, Watson, Blegay and Oriadha and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

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MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

[LTR 02042025](#)

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Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, 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 State legislation.

Attachment(s): [Delegation Position Letter Week 1-28-25 v.1](#)
[Letter for PG-412-25 v.2](#)

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

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

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

4. BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

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BRIEFING - BUDGET, BONDING, SPENDING AFFORABILITY COMMITTEE

Stanley Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Attachment(s): [OMB Financial Overview Presentation CC 02-04-2025](#)

The briefing convened at 11:27 a.m. Council Chair Ivey introduced Stanley Earley, Director, Office of Management and Budget, who facilitated a Powerpoint presentation titled, "Prince George's County Financial Overview";. The presentation highlighted the following: Economic Outlook; Average Annual County Employment by Sector; Unemployment Rate: County vs. State; Housing Trends- Median Sales Price & Volume; Change In Statewide Assessment Values FY 2017 - FY 2026; Long-Term Fiscal Outlook; General Fund: Six Year Forecast; HB 352: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act Of 2025; Fiscal Challenges: A Structural Budget Gap; Extraordinary Risks; General Fund Outlook; FY 2026 Revenue Forecast;

FY 2026 General Fund Revenue Forecast Explanation; and Summary. Mr. Earley then responded to questions and the briefing concluded at 12:36 p.m.

This Briefing was held.

12:15 PM - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - (ROOM 2027)

(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)

1:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION – (1ST FLOOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM)

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Motion to convene in executive session to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, more specifically, to discuss legal impacts of recent federal immigration law enactments on the County, and to receive a litigation update for the Prince George's County Office of Law.

Council Chair Ivey read the following closing statement/motion to convene in executive session: "Motion to convene in executive session to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, more specifically, to discuss legal impacts of recent federal immigration law enactments on the County, and to receive a litigation update for the Prince George's County Office of Law." The Executive Session was held.

On 2/4/2025, a motion was made by Chair Ivey, seconded by Council Member Fisher, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 9, Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

AUTHORITY FOR CLOSED SESSION: Md. Code Ann., Gen'l Provisions, § 3-305 (b)(7, 8).

Date of Executive Session: February 4, 2025

Location: 1st Floor Executive Conf. Room (WKC Admin. Bldg.)

Beginning Time: 2:17 p.m.

Ending Time: 2:56 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Ivey, Vice Chair Burroughs, CM Blegay, CM Dernoga, CM Fisher,

CM Harrison, CM Olson, CM Oriadha and CM Watson

Others Present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Colette Gresham, Donna Brown, Karen Zavakos, Rhonda Weaver, Shelley Johnson, Linda Allen

Topics Discussed:

I. LITIGATION UPDATE FROM OFFICE OF LAW

A. MGM TAX LITIGATION

B. TANTALLON v. DR HORTON, HARDSCAPES, et al.

C. CLASS ACTION LITIGATION: INSULIN PRICE FIXING AFFECTING COUNTY RESIDENTS

D. TORT CASES:

1. Doye v. St. Pleasant, et al., CAL21-07849

2. McCard v. Officer Jasmine Jones, CAL22-30491

3. Rashida A. Abul-Qasim v. Alsobrooks, et al., C-16-CV-23-000565

4. Laura Palacios v. Olga Lugo Jiminez, et al., C-16-CV-24-005825

5. Mbah Armstrong, et al. v. Olga Lugo Jiminez, et al., C-16-CV-24-005262

6. Angela Floyd, et al., v. Prince George's County, MD, et al., 24-CV-1789.

Vote to Adjourn: 9-0, Motion by: CM Dernoga, Second by: Vice Chair Burroughs

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

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

Absent Hawkins

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ADJOURN

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:38 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 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Olson, Oriadha and Watson

Absent

Hawkins

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council

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