

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
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**REPORT:**

Committee Vote: 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Fisher, Blegay, Hawkins, and Olson)

The Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee met on November 7, 2024, to consider the County Executive transmittal of the nominees to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities submitted on September 27, 2024.

The Commission for Individuals with Disabilities brings together businesses, citizens, and the government of Prince George's County to discuss and resolve disability issues in the County. The Commission also works with County and State agencies and other Commissions to jointly address and promote the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities.

The County Executive transmitted three (3) appointments and three (3) reappointments to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities; the appointments are Mr. Austin D. Martinez, a resident of Hyattsville, Mr. Afiya J. Watkins, a resident of Upper Marlboro, and Raymond J. Nardella, a resident of College Park. Mr. Nardella was involved in a car accident and remains in the hospital. He has expressed his desire to be considered to serve on the Commission For Individuals with Disabilities.

The reappointments are Ms. Melissa Scales Hamilton, a resident of Upper Marlboro; Ms. Katrina Dixon Patterson, a resident of Upper Marlboro; and Ms. Dahlia M. Shaewitz, a resident of Capital Heights.

Ms. Miriam Brewer, Appointments Liaison, Office of the County Executive, introduced the nominees and provided an overview of their professional and educational backgrounds. Each nominee then introduced themselves and highlighted their qualifications.

The Committee members thanked the nominees for their expertise and willingness to serve on the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities.

After discussion, the Health, Human Services, and Public Safety Committee voted favorably 4-0 on the nominees to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities.