

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In Favor: Council Members Olson, Dernoga, Hawkins, Ivey, and Watson)

The Committee convened on June 22, 2023, to consider the appointment of Ms. Regina Speed-Bost and Mr. Mark J. Smith to serve on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission representing Prince George's County. Both terms would expire on June 1, 2027. The appointment package was transmitted to the Council by County Executive Alsobrooks on May 5, 2023. The Public Hearing on the appointment is scheduled for July 5, 2023. The County Executive's Appointments Liaison, Miriam Brewer summarized the backgrounds of both appointees for the Committee:

Ms. Speed-Bost, a resident of Upper Marlboro, has practiced energy law for thirty (30) years. She received her undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and her Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She maintains bar membership in the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Ms. Speed-Bost was appointed to the Commission in March 2022, and was recently elected to serve as Chair for FY 2024.

Mr. Mark J. Smith, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is the Executive Director, of Community Engagement and Partnerships with The American Red Cross. Mr. Smith is responsible for the business unit charged with maintaining critical non-governmental partnerships including National Voluntary Organizations Action in Disaster (NVOAD) members. He has served in several roles with the American Red Cross including Executive Director, Recovery Operations; Executive Director, Preparedness Health, and Safety Services (PGSS); Regional Director, of Africa Program and Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City, OK and Jackson, MS Chapters. Mr. Smith earned his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University (PA) and his graduate degree from George Washington University. He was initially appointed to the Commission in October 2022. Ms. Speed-Bost provided brief remarks regarding her appreciation of the opportunity to represent Prince George's County. Mr. Smith was unable to attend the Committee meeting due to a personal matter.

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