

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

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**REPORT:** Favorable 11-0: Council Members Hawkins, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Ivey, Harrison, Streeter, Taveras and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, convened on February 18, 2021 to consider the appointment of Tara Jackson to become Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Prince George's County, Maryland. She has been serving as Acting Chief Administrative Officer since December 4, 2020.

Ms. Jackson has a stellar career having over 25 years of administrative, legal, and county government experience. She began her career in Prince George's County serving as an Assistant State's Attorney. Ms. Jackson was in private practice from 2000 to 2007 representing criminal and civil litigants in complex cases in both federal and state court. Serving as Principal Deputy State's Attorney, Ms. Jackson led nearly 100 attorneys and 100 staff responsible for prosecuting more than 70,000 criminal cases from 2010 to 2017.

While serving as Deputy CAO for Government Operations she managed the daily operations of the County Government by directing and implementing policies, programs and procedures. Ms. Jackson received her Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University, her Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland and her Master of Divinity in leadership development from Phoenix University. Ms. Jackson is also a member of numerous professional organizations and presents at many seminars across the Country.

During the Committee of the Whole Ms. Jackson spoke of her empathy for others and expressed her expertise in governmental procedures and processes.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted the appointment of Tara Jackson out favorably, 11-0.