

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: Fire Chief Appointment

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

05/16/2017

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 9-0 (In Favor: Council Members Davis, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner)

The County Council, met as the Committee of the Whole to consider the appointment of Benjamin Barksdale to become Fire Chief of Prince George's County.

Preceding his selection as Acting Fire Chief, Mr. Barksdale held the position of Deputy Fire Chief. He has over 35 years of fire service experience. Prior to joining the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, Mr. Barksdale was assistant Chief with the Arlington County, Virginia Fire Department. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowie State University and a Master of Science degree from Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Barksdale is member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association and the National Society of Executive Fire Officers.

A resident of Fort Washington Maryland, Mr. Barksdale is very active in County activities and frequently attends Community meetings.

During the consideration of the appointment, the County Council members spoke of Mr. Barksdale's work in the County.

After discussion, the County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted the Fire Chief appointment of Benjamin Barksdale out favorably to the Council, 9-0.