

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2025 Legislative Session

Reference No.: APPOINTMENT PLANNING BOARD

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Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 11/10/2025

Action: FAVORABLE

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorably 8-0 (In favor: Chair Burroughs, Vice-Chair Oriadha, Council Members Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Ivey, Hawkins, Olson, and Watson)

The County Council Committee of the Whole met on November 10, 2025, to consider the appointment of the Dr. Billy Ifedi Okoye as a member of the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

On November 10, 2025, County Executive Braveboy transmitted a letter to the County Council pursuant to Land Use Article Section 15-103(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and Sections 322, 402 and 504 of the Charter of Prince George's County appointing Dr. Billy Okoye to serve as a member of the Planning Board.

Ms. Sonia Owens, County Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive introduced the nominee and summarized his qualifications, experience, and reasons for wanting to serve.

Dr. Billy Okoye, a resident of Bowie, will serve as Planning Board member for a term expiring on June 15, 2027. The appointee introduced himself and provided brief biographical information. Dr. Okoye discussed his experience and reasons for his willingness to serve. He also discussed his understanding of sustainable development, protecting green spaces, and neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

Chair Burroughs encouraged Dr. Okoye to continue to meet with individual council members.

On motion, of Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, the Council Committee of the Whole voted favorably, 8-0, to appoint the Dr. Billy Okoye as a member of the Prince George's County Planning Board.