

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date: January 22, 2026

Action: FAV

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable 5-0 (In favor Council Members Burroughs, Oriadha, Blegay, Hunter, and Ivey)

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee met on January 22, 2026, to consider the appointment of Dr. Gerald T. Folsom to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.

Ms. LaJoia Cannon, Interim Appointment Liaison in the Office of the County Executive, introduced Dr. Gerald T. Folsom and provided an overview of his professional and educational background. She highlighted his long-standing commitment to public service, including over 18 years of ministerial leadership focused on social justice and community engagement, as well as more than 23 years of experience in the federal government working in oversight, compliance, and program management. His work as a senior pastor and as a liaison to faith-based communities in the County Executive's office was highlighted as evidence of his ethical leadership and integrity in handling sensitive matters.

Dr. Folsom expressed his commitment to serving the county with integrity and noted that his professional background, community involvement, and government experience prepared him to contribute meaningfully to the work of the Board of Ethics. He thanked the County Executive and Committee members for the nomination, shared his strong ties to the county, and expressed his desire to serve the county and contribute effectively to the Board of Ethics.

Committee members spoke in support of the appointment, citing their positive experiences working with Dr. Folsom and their confidence in his commitment to ethical standards.

Council Chair Oriadha made a motion, seconded by Council Member Blegay, to move favorably on the appointment of Dr. Gerald T. Folsom to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.

The Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee voted favorably 5-0 on the appointment of Dr. Gerald T. Folsom to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics.