PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2022 Legislative Session

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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 11-0: Council Members Hawkins, Burroughs, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Medlock, Streeter, Taveras, and Turner.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole on October 11, 2022, to consider appointments to the Police Accountability Board (PAB). As a result of legislation at the state level, the County enacted CB-021-2022 an Act Concerning Law Enforcement Accountability which established the framework for the Police Accountability Board (PAB), which will review the findings of a law enforcement agency's investigation of complaints. The goal is to improve policing in Prince George's County. The Police Accountability Board would receive police misconduct complaints, review disciplinary outcomes and make recommendations for policy changes to improve police accountability. The COW provided an opportunity for consideration of individuals for service on the Police Accountability Board.

During the meeting Ms. Miriam Brewer, OCE Appointments Liaison introduced the candidates and noted that each applicant was reviewed and deemed eligible to serve. It was also noted that another candidate will be brought forward at a later date due to a person not being able to continue being considered. The remaining nominees are:

Shelia F. Bryant

Appointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2025

Kelvin D. Davall

Appointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Lafayette D. Melton

Appointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2025

Marsha A. Ridley

Appointment

Term Expiration: 6/30/2026

Daniel C. Vergamini

Term Expiration: 6/30/2024

Each candidate described their qualifications and background experience that would be valuable to the County through their service on the PAB and answered questions about their vision. The appointment liaison answered questions about the work done to ensure the board reflects the County and noted the efforts made to date and how the work will continue going forward as the final individual is selected.

After discussion, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted favorably on the appointments to the Police Accountability Board, 11-0.