Prince George's County Council

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Sitting as the Board of Health

Wayne K. Curry Administration Building
1301 McCormick Dr
Largo, MD 20774

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 **11:30 AM** **Committee Room 2027**

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10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was convened by Chair Krystal Oriadha at 12:06 p.m. with 7 members present at roll call. Chair Oriadha announced that Vice Chair Olson had an excused absence. Council Member Adams participated remotely and on camera.

Present:	6 -	Chair Krystal Oriadha
		Council Member Shayla Adams-Stafford
		Council Member Wala Blegay
		Council Member Edward Burroughs
		Council Member Wanika Fisher
		Council Member Danielle Hunter
Excused:	1 -	Vice Chair Eric Olson
Absent:		Council Member Thomas Dernoga
		Council Member Sydney Harrison
		Council Member Jolene Ivey
Remote:	1 -	Council Member Timothy Adams

Also present:
Donna Brown, Clerk of the Council
James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council
Anya Makarova, Director, PSHHS Committee
Dr. Toyin Opesanmi, Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department
Dr. Andrew Ballard, Chief of Public Health Policy and Innovation, Office of

the Health Officer

BRIEFING – (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

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TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL RETAILERS: COMMUNITY HEALTH EFFECTS

Dr. Opesanmi, Health Officer
Dr. Ballard, Chief of Public Health Policy and Innovation, Office of the Health Officer

Attachment(s): 9.22.2026 Tobacco Alcohol BOH Presentation FINAL

Anya Makarova, Director, Public Safety, Health and Human Services (PSHHS) Committee, provided an overview of tobacco and alcohol retailers in the county and introduced Dr. Toyin Opesanmi, Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department, and Dr. Andrew Ballard, Chief of Public Health Policy and Innovation, Office of the Health Officer, who facilitated a PowerPoint presentation titled "Tobacco and Alcohol Retailers: Community Health Effects". The presentation highlighted the following: Tobacco Retail Distribution by Councilmanic District; Liquor Store Distribution by Councilmanic District; Key Takeaways: Tobacco and Alcohol Retail Density; What This Means for Decision-Making: Two Tools in Motion; Tobacco and Alcohol Consumption: Costs to our Health and Communities; Adult smoking varies 2.6-fold across County communities; Youth cigarette use has fallen to about 2% and flattened; Vaping is the larger youth issue, but it is also declining; Adult excessive drinking is slowly rising in both the County and the State; Youth alcohol use has nearly halved since 2014–15; The costs of tobacco use in health, lives, and public dollars; Disease in nearly every organ system, and ten years of life; The leading cause of preventable death in the United States; Over $240 billion a year, and most of it lands on public payers; The economic cost is larger than the health care cost; The costs of tobacco use in health, lives, and public dollars; Nearly every organ system, and at least seven cancers; A worsening trend, not a stable one; $249 billion a year, and two of every five dollars paid by government and Alcohol's costs include public safety as well. Dr. Opesanmi, Dr. Ballard and other Health Department staff then responded to questions from council members.

This Briefing was held.

ADJOURN

THIS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:58 P.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Adams-Stafford, seconded by Council Member Adams, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye	7 -	Oriadha, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Burroughs, Fisher, Hunter and Adams
Absent		Olson, Dernoga, Harrison and Ivey

Prepared by:

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Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

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Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council