

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 Legislative Session

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Committee: PSFM

Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable, 5-0 In Favor: Council Members Davis, Lehman, Patterson Taveras and Turner.

The Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee convened on July 12, 2018 to consider the reappointment of Robin Barnes-Shell, Esq. as the Executive Director of the Office of Ethics and Accountability for Prince George's County. Ms. Barnes-Shell has served as Executive Director since the Office's inception.

Prior to joining the County Government, Ms. Barnes-Shell worked in several high-level positions with the Prince George's County Public School System. She developed the school system's administrative procedures and processes to provide accountability and address constituent concerns in a timely and equitable manner. Previously, she was a Hearing Officer for employee discipline appeals for the school system. She also worked in the Howard County Public School System where she established the Office of the Ombudsman. Ms. Barnes-Shell has also worked in the District of Columbia and Montgomery County as an Attorney in private practice.

Ms. Barnes-Shell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center.

During the Committee session, questions were asked about the type of cases and the workload of the office. There has been a substantial increase in the number of cases which the office must deal with.

After a very robust and pleasant exchange, the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee voted the reappointment of Robin Barnes-Shell out favorably, 5-0.