

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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Action: FAV

REPORT: Favorable 10-0: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Absent: Davis

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to consider APPT-14-20, appointments to the Art in Public Places Panel. The Panel was formed to provide meaningful opportunities for artists to contribute to the development of art and culture in Prince George's County and to visually enhance public settings for its citizens. The program also strives to further its mission through collaborations with other organizations and private sector construction businesses in the County to facilitate the presence of public artwork in a greater variety of locations.

Each nominee introduced themselves and gave the Committee an overview of their experience. Ms. Dyson, a resident of Clinton, currently serves as Curator for seven Busboys and Poets locations, where she organizes and installs exhibitions that support aesthetic interventions on social issues. Her curatorial practice also includes exhibitions by the disabled and blind/low vision communities. She is also a Curator for the Howard University Interdisciplinary Research Building. Ms. Dyson has previously served as an Educator at the secondary and post-secondary levels and as an Art Administrator. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History with a minor in Art Therapy from Howard University. Ms. Dyson was granted her Master of Fine Art (MFA) Curatorial Practice at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She will serve in the program expert role.

Mr. Eric Key, a resident of Accokeek, is the Director of the Arts program at the University of Maryland Global Campus (formerly University of Maryland University College). Since he came onboard in 2008, the University has added more than 2200 individual pieces to its collections and has increased by thirty-percent what is on public display at any given time. Mr. Key has over thirty-five (35) years of experience in art administration. He previously served as the executive director of the Kansas African American Museum and as the Director of Programs for The Black Academy of Arts and Letters in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Key received both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Hampton (Institute) University. He will serve in the citizen role.

After a discussion about the potential impact of the Arts in Public Places Panel, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole, voted APPT-14-20 out favorable, 10-0.