

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2020 Legislative Session

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Committee: Committee of the Whole

Date: 10/29/2020

Action: NR

REPORT: No Recommendation 10-0: Council Members Turner, Anderson-Walker, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras. Absent: Davis and Hawkins.

The Prince George's County Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to consider appointments to the Fire Commission for Prince George's County. The Commission reviews the financial needs and requests for public funds of each of the County's volunteer fire companies.

The Appointees are:

Mr. William F. Broadus, a resident of Cheverly, has been employed with Amtrak since 1984. He currently serves as President of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department and is the Volunteer EEO Liaison within the Prince George's County Fire & EMS. Mr. Broadus has been a volunteer firefighter since 1991.

Mr. William O. Cunningham, a resident of Bowie, joined the Ritchie Volunteer Fire Department when he turned seventeen (17) and worked his way up through the ranks. He has served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Mr. Antwan D. Holbert, a resident of Upper Marlboro, has been a Fire Fighter/Medic with the Prince George's County for over fourteen (14) years. He is a three-time recipient of the Prince George's County Public Safety Valor Award for heroism. Mr. Holbert has trained and mentored firefighters here in the United States as well as those abroad. Each nominee introduced themselves and gave the Committee an overview of their experience.

The Committee asked about the nomination process for the Commission. Comments and question were also raised about the recruitment process and diversity and the process by which the nominees were chosen. Ultimately, the nominees were told that this decision is not a value judgement on them but rather the process.

After a very spirited discussion on the Fire Commission, the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Committee of the Whole voted, no recommendation on APPT-10-20, 9-0.