



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Edward P. Burroughs III, Chair, District 8

Krystal Oriadha, Vice Chair, District 7

Wala Blegay, District 6

Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1

Wanika Fisher, District 2

Sydney J. Harrison, District 9

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, At-Large

Jolene Ivey, At-Large

Eric C. Olson, District 3

Ingrid S. Watson, District 4

Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)

Jennifer A. Jenkins, Council Administrator

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Hearing Room

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9:00 A.M. - GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

10:30 A.M. - AGENDA BRIEFING - (COMMITTEE ROOM 2027)

11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jolene Ivey at 11:17 a.m. with 9 members present at roll call. (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Present: 9 - Council Member Wala Blegay
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Wanika Fisher
Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Eric Olson
Council Member Ingrid Watson
Member Jolene Ivey
Chair Edward Burroughs
Vice Chair Krystal Oriadha

Absent: Council Member Sydney Harrison

Also present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator
Colette Gresham, Deputy Council Administrator
Karen T. Zavakos, Associate Council Administrator
James Walker-Bey, Associate Clerk of the Council
Edgar Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide
Akinjide Adeyemo, Zoning Reference Aide
Sakinda Skinner, Council Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Dinora Hernandez, Associate County Attorney, Office of Law
Kathy Canning, Legislative Attorney
Arian Albear, Director, EWD Committee
Rana Hightower, Director, PHED Committee

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was provided by Deborah J. Chambers, Pastor, Calvert County Baptist Church, Prince Frederick, Maryland. Council Member Burroughs requested prayer for his family members in attendance. Council Member Hawkins requested prayer for the woman tragically killed on Landover Road last night and for the passing of boxing legend George Foreman. Council Member Oriadha requested prayer for her family in attendance. Chair Ivey requested prayer for Derrick Colely and his family as they prepare to funeralize their beloved wife and mother, Keisha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Blegay.

REQUESTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There were no requests to address the council.

BUSINESS MEETING**1. CONSENT AGENDA****(a) Approval of County Council Minutes**

[MIN 03182025](#)

County Council Minutes dated March 18, 2025

Draft 1

Attachment(s): [03182025](#)

These Minutes were approved.

(b) First Reading of Bills (Presentation)

[CB-022-2025](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS for the purpose of declaring additional revenue and appropriating to the General Fund, Internal Service Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Enterprise Fund to provide for costs that were not anticipated and included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

Attachment(s): [B2025025](#)
[CB-022-2025 Summary](#)
[CB-022-2025 Transmittal](#)

This Council Bill was presented by the Chair by the request of the County Executive and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)[CB-023-2025](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING WILDLIFE AND ANIMAL CONTROL for the purpose of creating a study and fee for protecting wildlife, general health, safety, and welfare of the citizens impacted by wildlife within the county, and the creation of a joint action plan to limit, control, and protect wildlife within the county.

Sponsor(s): Oriadha

Attachment(s): [B2025023](#)

[CB-023-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Member Oriadha and referred to the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee.

[CB-024-2025](#)

Draft 1

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL WORKER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of establishing emergency financial assistance, job placement support, and essential services for laid-off federal workers residing in Prince George's County, ensuring stability and access to critical resources during periods of economic hardship.

Sponsor(s): Blegay and Oriadha

Attachment(s): [B2025024](#)

[CB-024-2025 Summary](#)

This Council Bill was presented by Council Members Blegay and Oriadha and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee.

[Consent12-25](#)

Draft 1

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Olson, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 -	Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
Absent		Harrison

2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS CONSIDERED

3. PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT[LTR 03252025a](#)

Draft 1

Proposed letter to the Honorable Michael A. Jackson, Chair, Prince George's County Senate Delegation, and the Honorable Nicole Williams, Chair, Prince George's County House Delegation, transmitting the position of the Prince George's County Council on proposed State legislation.

This Agenda Letter was removed from the agenda.

[LTR 03252025b](#)

Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Board Chair Brandon D. Jackson in support of their February 28, 2025, Financial Review and Transfer Request #1 for FY 25.

Attachment(s): [FY 2025 Transfer Request 1 Draft Letter from Chair](#)
[FY 2025 Transfer Request 1 Report](#)
[FY 2025 Transfer Request 1 EWD Memo](#)
[FY 2025 Transfer Request 1 Transmittal](#)
[02.27.25 BAS Financial Review](#)
[FY 2025 Financial Review Appendix B](#)
[FY 2025 Financial Review Appendix A](#)

Arian Albear, Director, Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the EWD Committee for the transfer request.

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Watson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 9 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha

Absent Harrison

Add10-25

Draft 1

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Burroughs, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this additions package be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** 9 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
- Absent** Harrison

CHAIR-2025b

Draft 1

ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR TO SERVE FROM MARCH 25, 2025 TO DECEMBER 2, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that Council Member Burroughs be elected as Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** 7 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Burroughs and Oriadha
- Absent** Harrison
- Abstain** 2 - Hawkins and Ivey

VICECHAIR-2025b

Draft 1

ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TO SERVE FROM MARCH 25, 2025 TO DECEMBER 2, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that Council Member Oriadha be elected as Vice Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye** 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Burroughs and Oriadha
- Absent** Harrison and Ivey

PROPOSED CORRESPONDENCE/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Continued)

[LTR 03252025c](#)
Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Board Chair Brandon D. Jackson in support of their February 28, 2025, Financial Review and Transfer Request #4 for FY 24.

Attachment(s): [FY 2024 Transfer Request 4 Draft Letter from Chair](#)
[FY 2024 Transfer Request 4 Report](#)
[PGCPS FY24 Financial Review Post-Close Transmittal 02282025](#)
[PGCPS FY24 Financial Review Post-Close Transmittal 10282024](#)
[BOE FY 2024 Financial Review 4 EWD Memo](#)
[09.26.24 BAS Post Close Transfer Final](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	9 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Hawkins, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
Absent	Harrison

[LTR 03252025d](#)
Draft 1

Proposed correspondence to Board Chair Brandon D. Jackson in support of their February 28, 2025, Financial Review and Transfer Request #5 for FY 24.

Attachment(s): [FY 2024 Transfer Request 5 Draft Letter from Chair](#)
[FY 2024 Transfer Request 5 Report](#)
[PGCPS FY24 Financial Review Post-Close Transmittal 02282025](#)
[10.24.24 BAS Fiscal Year 2024 Final Operating Budget Transfer](#)
[BOE FY 2024 Financial Review 5 EWD Memo](#)
[FY 2024 Fin. Review and Transfer Req Summary Sheet](#)

Arian Albear, Director, Education and Workforce Development Committee (EWD), provided a verbal report of the actions and recommendations of the EWD Committee for the transfer request.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Olson, that this Agenda Letter be authorized for Chair's signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
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Absent

Harrison and Hawkins

4. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**[CR-038-2025](#)**

Draft 1

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA for the purpose of approving the proposed county-wide expansion of the boundaries of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area to include southern Prince George's County.

Sponsor(s): Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga

Attachment(s): [R2025038](#)
[CR-038-2025 Summary](#)

Rana Hightower, Director, Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee, provided an overview of the resolution.

The State of Maryland created the Maryland Heritage Areas Program in 1996 to help communities use heritage tourism to strengthen their economies through the development, protection, and promotion of cultural, historical, and natural resources. The program is governed Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA), which sets the criteria for certifying heritage areas and approving boundary amendments. In 2001, the MHAA certified the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), which currently encompasses over 100 square miles of Prince George's County. The boundaries of the heritage area were last updated in 2017; however, the current boundaries of the heritage area do not include Council Districts 7, 8 or 9.

ATHA, Inc. now seeks to amend the heritage area to include southern Prince George's County. As part of the application to amend the boundaries, MHAA requests evidence of the local jurisdiction's support of the proposed expansion. This resolution serves as the County's statement of support for the proposed expansion. (Clerk's office corrected error in the name in accordance with Council rule 14.3)

This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Ivey, Watson, Olson, Fisher, Oriadha, Blegay and Dernoga.

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that the rules be suspended for this Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye	8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
Absent	Harrison and Hawkins

A motion was made by Council Member Ivey, seconded by Vice Chair Oriadha, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 8 - Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Watson, Ivey, Burroughs and Oriadha
Absent Harrison and Hawkins

[ADJ25-25](#)

Draft 1

ADJOURN

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:12 PM

A motion was made by Vice Chair Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye 8 - Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Olson, Oriadha and Watson
Absent Hawkins

EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY 03-18-2025

[EX 03182025](#)

Draft 1

Motion to convene in executive session in order to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction, and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice and to discuss pending or potential litigation in accordance with section 3-305(b)(1, 7, 8), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland-more specifically, to review the February 19, 2025, determination of the County Board of Ethics; and to be briefed by counsel as to, and to discuss, the status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Appellate Court of Maryland, and the Supreme Court of Maryland, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation.

On 3/18/2025, a motion was made by Chair Ivey, seconded by Council Member Hawkins, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 10, Ivey, Burroughs, Blegay, Dernoga, Fisher, Harrison, Hawkins, Olson, Oriadha and Watson (Vacant - District 5 (effective: 12/05/2024)).

Date: March 18, 2025

Beginning Time: 12:06 p.m.

Ending Time: 12:37 p.m.

Location: 1st Floor Council Executive Conference Room

Members Present:

CM Ivey, Chair, CM Burroughs, Vice-Chair, CM Blegay, CM Dernoga, CM Fisher, CM Harrison, CM Hawkins, CM Olson, CM Oriadha, CM Watson

Others Present:

Jennifer Jenkins, Colette Gresham, Donna Brown, Karen Zvakos, Rajesh Kumar, Lindsay Watts, Peter Deluca

*Topics Discussed:**I. Discussion of Office of Ethics and Accountability Case #25-0034e:*

The Council Administrator presented a summary of facts and the disposition by the Board of Ethics in Office of Ethics and Accountability Case #25-0034e. Council Members reached a unanimous consensus that Council Member Ingrid S. Watson's residency is valid and legally sufficient in accordance with County law and State law, specifically Blount v. Boston (1998).

II. Discussion of Pending Litigation in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County:

In The Matter of Kathy Bartolomeo, et al., For Judicial Review of the Decision of the County Council of Prince George's County, Sitting as the District Council, Case No.: C-16-CV-24-003613

Principal Counsel to the District Council provided an update on the Motions Hearing and procedural posture of the case pending before the Circuit Court for Prince George's County,

Vote Closing the Meeting, MOTION by CM Ivey, Seconded by CM Harrison. Vote to Adjourn: unanimous

This is the summary for the Executive Session on March 18, 2025.

Prepared by:

Edgar L. Reese, III, Legislative Reference Aide

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council