



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

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Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Monday, February 12, 2018

2:00 PM

Council Hearing Room

2:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (COUNCIL HEARING ROOM)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Glaros at 2:07 p.m. with nine members present at roll call.

Present: 9 - Chair Dannielle Glaros
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Andrea Harrison
Council Member Mary Lehman
Council Member Obie Patterson
Council Member Deni Taveras
Council Member Karen Toles
Vice Chair Todd Turner

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr. Council Administrator

William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council

Donna J. Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Council

Jennifer Jenkins, Director, RGA Committee

Maurice Simpson, Jr., Legislative Aide, RGA Committee

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**COMMISSION ON INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
(KIRWAN COMMISSION)**

Senator Paul Pinsky, Legislative District 22

Delegate Alonzo Washington, Legislative District 22

Kimberly R. Humphrey, Esq., ACLU of Maryland, Legislative Council for Education

Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, CEO of Schools, PGCPs

Theresa Dudley, President, Prince George's County Educators Association

Alvin Thornton, Ph.D., Former Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, and Chair of the Maryland Commission of Education Finance Equity and Excellence (The Thornton Commission)

Attachment(s): [Kirwin Presentation 2-12-2018 PPT](#)
[Community Schools Video 2-12-2018](#)

Dr. Alvin Thornton provided an historical perspective of the recommendations of the Thornton Commission, whose work proceeded this effort. The Honorable Paul Pinsky, Maryland State Senator, Legislative District 22, and The Honorable Alonzo Washington, Maryland State Delegate, Legislative District 22, facilitated a PowerPoint presentation on the Maryland Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (Kirwin Commission) focusing on areas of preliminary policy recommendations, areas of consensus, and Fiscal Accountability. Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, CEO of Prince George's County Public Schools, expressed his support for the Kirwin Commission's recommendations and spoke to current regulations which do not fully consider services for Pre-kindergarten students. Theresa Dudley, President, Prince George's County Educators Association offered a video presentation on the "community school" concept and provided comments regarding the concept, standardized testing, wrap-around services, parental support and administration. Kimberly R. Humphrey, Legislative Council for the ACLU for Maryland spoke to litigation which led to a review of adequacy standards across the State and provided a summary of the adequacy gap in Prince George's County. The

panelists responded to questions posed by the Council regarding: lessons learned from the Thornton Commission, methods to improve State ranking, accountability, potential for State Inspector General, Career and Technical Education programs, growth in adequacy gap, navigating a change in formula and ways to address schools that may need additional system.

This Briefing was held

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Prepared by:

Donna J. Brown, Deputy Clerk of the Council

Submitted by:

Redis C. Floyd, Clerk of the Council