



Prince George's County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final County Council

Calvin S. Hawkins, II, Chair, At-Large

Monique Anderson-Walker, District 8

Derrick Leon Davis, District 6

Thomas E. Dernoga, District 1

Mel Franklin, At-Large

Dannielle M. Glaros, District 3

Sydney J. Harrison, District 9

Jolene Ivey, District 5

Rodney C. Streeter, District 7

Deni L. Taveras, Vice Chair, District 2

Todd M. Turner, District 4

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

11:00 AM

(VIRTUAL MEETING)

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11:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER - (VIRTUAL MEETING)

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Turner at 11:01 a.m. with eleven members present at roll call.

Present: 11 - Council Member Todd Turner
Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker
Council Member Derrick Davis
Council Member Thomas Dernoga
Council Member Mel Franklin
Council Member Dannielle Glaros
Council Member Sydney Harrison
Chair Calvin S. Hawkins
Council Member Jolene Ivey
Council Member Rodney Streeter
Council Member Deni Taveras

Also present:

Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council
Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant
Leonard D. Moses, Zoning Assistant
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison
Sakinda Skinner, Associate County Attorney
Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney
Jacqueline Brown, PHED Committee Director
Karen Zavakos, Legislative & Zoning Counsel
Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer
Nathaniel Tutt, III, HHSPS Committee Director
Donna Whitman, Legislative Officer
J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director
Kathy Canning, Legislative Officer
Howard Stone, GOFP Committee Director
Colette Gresham, Legislative Officer
Monica Best-James, Legislative Officer
Joseph Hamlin, Policy Analyst
James Walker Bey, Zoning Reference Aide

Guests:

Angela Alsobrooks, County Executive
Major Riddick, Chief Administrative Officer
Joy Russell, Chief of Staff
Tara Jackson, DCAO

INVOCATION

*The Invocation was provided by Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, III, Pastor,
First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Landover, Maryland.*

BUSINESS MEETING

1. REMARKS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ANGELA D. ALSOBROOKS

County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks thanked and congratulated the Council Chair Todd M. Turner and Vice Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II and the entire Council for their leadership, strength, and collaboration during this unprecedented and challenging year. Major Riddick, Chief Administrative Officer, thanked the County Executive and County Council Members for their partnerships throughout the years as he transitions from County government.

2. REMARKS BY THE 2020 COUNCIL CHAIR

A video presentation was provided titled "Legislative Year 2020 - A year in Review", offering a snapshot of Legislative Year 2020, from the Council's January Retreat to adopting the County Budget addressing the impacts of Covid-19 on County residents and communities, the ever growing need for healthcare, food security, housing, jobs, education and economic development.

Council Member Calvin Hawkins thanked the Council Chair for the opportunity to serve as his Vice Chair and presented him with a gift that reads: "Presented in Appreciation of Outstanding Service to the County Council and Citizens of Prince George's County." Council Chair Turner thanked his Vice Chair, Calvin S. Hawkins, III for his leadership and partnership over the last year and presented him with a gift that reads: "Presented in Recognition of Exemplary Leadership to the County Council and Citizens of Prince George's County".

Council Chair Todd M. Turner provided opening remarks for this first ever Virtual Exchange of Gavel. Mr. Turner expressed his pride in how well the Executive and Legislative Branches have worked together to move Prince George's County forward. The Council Chair thanked the County Executive and her team led by Major Riddick for their efforts, remarkable service and work relationship with this Council especially as it relates to the County's Covid-19 response. The Council Chair extended his thoughts and prayers on behalf for the health and safety of County residents and expressed profound gratitude to those who serve on the front lines.

Mr. Turner thanked his family, colleagues, Vice Chair, District 4 staff and Administrative staff and expressed that it is been his privilege and honor to have served as Council Chair for the 2019 and 2020 Legislative Years.

3. ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE YEAR**[CHAIR1-2021](#)**

**ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR TO SERVE FROM
DECEMBER 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 7, 2021.**

A motion was made by Council Member Taveras, seconded by Council Member Davis, to elect Council Member Calvin S. Hawkins as Chair for the 2021 Legislative Year. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras**

[VICE1-2021](#)

**ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR TO SERVE FROM
DECEMBER 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 7, 2021.**

A motion was made by Council Member Harrison, seconded by Council Member Glaros, to elect Council Member Deni L. Taveras as Vice Chair for the 2021 Legislative Year. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin,
Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras**

4. EXCHANGE OF GAVEL**5. REMARKS BY INCOMING 2021 COUNCIL CHAIR**

Newly elected Council Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II expressed that he is profoundly grateful to have been chosen by his colleagues to serve as Chair for the 2021 Legislative Year. The Chair thanked his Vice Chair, Deni L. Taveras for her acceptance of the challenge to serve and for her experience, hard work and dedication to the people of Prince George's County. The Chair also thanked Council Member Todd M. Turner for his leadership, measured approach and steady hand over the past two Legislative Years. The Chair congratulated and thanked County Executive Angela Alsobrooks for her strong leadership.

ADJOURN

THE MEETING ADJOURNED 12:06 A.M.

A motion was made by Council Member Turner, seconded by Council Member Franklin, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (VIRTUAL MEETING)**[EX 12012020](#)**

Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), (7), (8), and (10), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to discuss appointment issues, to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, to discuss pending or potential litigation, and to discuss emergency operations and recovery plans for Prince George's County in response to Coronavirus pandemic.

At the request of Chair Hawkins, Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council, read the following closing statement: "Motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1), (7), (8), and (10), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, 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, specifically, the proposed appointments to the Charter Review Commission; to discuss and consider pending or potential litigation and to consult with counsel to seek legal advice, specifically, to consult with counsel as to next legal steps regarding the Countywide Map Amendment, and to be briefed by counsel as to and to discuss status of cases in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Special Appeals, to maintain confidentiality regarding the current status of ongoing litigation and as to the Council's position on pending litigation; and to discuss public security, public health, and the development and implementation of emergency operations and recovery plans for Prince George's County in response to Coronavirus pandemic, finding that public discussion will constitute a risk to public safety and security."

A motion was made by Council Member Dernoga, seconded by Council Member Harrison, to convene into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 11 - Turner, Anderson-Walker, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Hawkins, Ivey, Streeter and Taveras

Prepared by:

Theresa D. Myers, Legislative Assistant

Submitted by:

Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council