



## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ETHICS

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### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2026

*Present:*

Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)  
Melanie Barr-Brooks, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)  
Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams)  
Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams)  
Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)  
Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel, (Microsoft Teams)  
Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams)

Monique Lanaux, County Resident (Open Session)

#### OPEN SESSION

#### I. OPENING OF MEETING

The Board Chair, Melanie Barr-Brooks, opened the Board of Ethics ("Board") meeting at approximately 5:25 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum present with three (3) Board of Ethics Members ("Board Members") present. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

#### II. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Agenda for January 14, 2026, was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2025, were approved by a vote 3-0.

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- Approved

### III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

None to report.

### IV. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2026 YEAR

By a vote 2-0, Melanie Barr-Brooks was elected to Board Chair for calendar year 2026.

### V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director (ED) informed the Board of the following Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) compliance activities:

- OEA sent CY 2025 FDS agency/board and commission notifications for updated County employees/board members lists and notifications will be sent County employees/board members with the deadline of April 30, 2026, for submittal. A Public Service Announcement will also be sent to County employees.
- December 2025 Lobbyist registrations were posted to OEA's website, provided to the Executive and Legislative Branches, and included in Board backup. January 2026 lobbying Annual Reporting filings are due January 31, 2026.

The Executive Director informed the Board of the following items:

- The Board was notified that OEA will participate in an ethics training for the OHRM Executive Development Institute (EDI) program for senior County officials. A County Council Ethics Training is pending.
- The Board was notified that OEA participated in a Community Outreach with Food and Friends in December 2025.
- The Board was provided an update on the County Code Proposed Legislation Bills - CB-36-2025 (enacted on November 18, 2025), CB-68-2025 (passed on November 17, 2025), and CB-104-2025 (amended and passed on November 11, 2025). The bills passed were signed by the County Executive Office on January 3, 2026.
- The Board was notified of the 2 new appointees for the vacancies on the Board, currently being processed in County Council.
- The Board was informed that OEA attended Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Meeting on January 14, 2026, for the Fiscal Year 2027 proposed budget.
- The ED conducted an ethics training at the annual meeting of the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) on November 13, 2025.
- The ED was contacted to attend the Jack & Jill Future Legislators Webinar on Ethics.
- The ED attended a podcast to provide the roles of OEA to the Inspector General.
- The ED attended a County Council Retreat.
- The Board was informed of 2 employees in OEA birthday acknowledgements.

Finally, the Board was provided with the Ethics Advice Table for November and December 2025, which summarized the informal ethics advice, information requests, and legal advice provided by OEA. Also, the Board was provided with a Case Status Reports.

## **VI. READING OF WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

At 5:27 pm, a motion was made by Board Chair Barr-Brooks and seconded by Board Member Hunt to close the open portion of the meeting to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to consult with legal counsel. The statement was read by Board Chair Barr-Brooks.

The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0. This meeting was closed under General Provisions Art. §3-305(b) for the following reasons: (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business, (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)  
Melanie Barr-Brooks, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)  
Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) – signed off at 6:41pm  
Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams)  
Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)  
Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel (Microsoft Teams)  
Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams)

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board was informed there were no FDS Violations and FDS Late Fee Waiver Requests; update on FDS late fees collected; and FDS Settlement Agreements meetings.

## **Investigations:**

### **25-0424/26-0069 – Conflict of Interest s & FWAI**

The Board was provided with an update regarding a complaint of a no bid contract awarded to a company owned by a County employee. By a vote 3-0, there is a reasonable basis to believe a violation of the Prince George's County Code of Ethics has occurred. The Board will reserve taking further action for thirty (30) days to allow the agency to respond to the identified ethics violation.

### **26-0191/26 – 26-0916 – Conflict of Interest**

The Board was provided with an update regarding a complaint related to a County Council Member participating in an appointment process for a vacancy. By a vote of 3-0, there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and dismiss the complaint.

### **25-0358e – Use of Prestige of Office and County Resources**

The Board was provided with an update regarding a complaint related to a County employee misuse of County resources having outside employment. By a vote of 3-0, there is a reasonable basis to believe a violation of the Prince George's County Code of Ethics has occurred. The Board will reserve taking further action for thirty (30) days to allow the agency to respond to the identified ethics violation.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

At the conclusion of all business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm. The motions were approved 3-0.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, @ 5:00 pm.