



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ETHICS

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Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom, Member
Lori M. Matthews, Member

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2026

Present: Kara Hunt, Member (Microsoft Teams)
Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Lori M. Matthews, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

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

Excused: Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom, Board Member
Chelinda Bullock, Board Administrator

OPEN SESSION

I. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair Pro Tem, Jason Papanikolas, opened the Board of Ethics ("Board") meeting at approximately 5:01 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum of the Board of Ethics Members ("Board Members") present.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Board of Ethics Meeting, April 15, 2026

- Approved

The Agenda for April 15, 2026, was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2026, were approved by a vote of 3-0.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

The Board held the Election of Board Chair for calendar year 2026 – Jason Papanikolas was elected Chair by a vote of 3-0.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

- OEA has been receiving CY 2025 Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) on a steady basis. Notifications will continue to be sent to County employees, board, and commission members with the deadline of April 30, 2026, for submittal. Public Service Announcements will be sent to all County employees and officials regarding the April 30th filing deadline.
- OEA is preparing to conduct a random audit of CY 2025 Lobbyist Annual Reports for compliance with the lobbying provisions in the Code of Ethics.
- The March 2026 Lobbyist registrations were posted to OEA's website, provided to the Executive and Legislative Branches, and included in Board backup.

The Executive Director informed the Board of the following items:

- The Board was provided an update on the OHRM mandatory online Annual Compliance Education (ACE) program for all County employees, which included required Ethics and Political Activity trainings. As of March 31st, 65% (4,683) of employees completed Ethics training, and 68% (4,900) completed Political Activity training.
- The Board was notified that OEA completed an in-person training for the Office of the Chief of Staff in the County Executive's office on April 1, 2026. And received a request for training from the Commission on Aging, which will be scheduled.
- The Board was notified that a Consultant Firm hired by the County Executive Office is conducting Agency Operations Review, and OEA participated in a session. Report is pending.
- The Board was notified that the OEA's Council FY 2027 budget work session is scheduled on April 16, 2026.
- The Board was provided an update of OEA's English/Spanish Informational

- brochure.
- The Board was provided an update on proposed State legislation – HB 328 (PG/MC 105-26), a local bill addressing the FDS filing process with OEA by Bi-County agencies. The Prince George's and Montgomery County Senate Delegations, the Senate Standing Committee, and the full Senate passed the bill. The bill was passed by the full General Assembly on April 13th and is pending the Governor's review and signature.
 - The Board Members were reminded to submit their FDS by the deadline of April 30, 2026.

Finally, the Board was provided with the Ethics Advice Table for March 2026, which summarized the informal ethics advice, information requests, and legal advice provided by OEA. The Board was also provided with a Case Status Report.

V. READING OF WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

At 5:23 pm, a motion was made by Chair Jason Papanikolas and seconded by Board Member Matthews 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. Board Chair Pro Tem Papanikolas read the statement. A vote of 3-0 approved the motion.

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, Member (Microsoft Teams)
Jason Papanikolas, Chair Pro Tem (Microsoft Teams)
Lori M. Matthews, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) – Left at 6:59 pm
Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams)
Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel, (Microsoft Teams)
Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)
Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams)

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Financial Disclosure Statements

The Board was informed there were no FDS Violations and FDS Late Fee Waiver Requests at this time.

Lobbyists

No additional update.

Other Matters

- The Board had a discussion regarding a possible Board Retreat to discuss operational issues, including the Board's Approved Manual, recusal policy, and other matters.
- The Board also authorized the Chair to send a letter to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and County Council Administrator (CA) regarding the Board's previous recommendations regarding the use of County franking in proximity to County elections.

Investigations

- A. 25-0388 - Whistleblower** – Employee complaint involving an official's personnel actions against them in response to an OEA complaint. Department of Public Works and Transportation. The Board held this item for the May meeting.
- B. 25-0358e - Use of Prestige of Office and County Resources** - Citizen complaint related to a County employee's misuse of County resources by having outside employment and misrepresenting that the duties were part of their County position. Fire Department. **By a vote of 3-0, the Board determined that there is a reasonable basis to believe a violation has occurred in lieu of conducting a hearing, the Board accepts the actions taken by the agency as appropriate to address the violation.**
- C. 26-0262 - Conflict of Interest & FWAI** - Agency complaint related to conflict of interest and illegal acts involving a County official. County Council. **Board Action??**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of all business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. The motions were approved 3-0.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, @ 5:00 pm.