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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hon. Todd M. Turner, Esq.

September 2026



It is with great pleasure that I provide the Calendar Year 2025/Fiscal Year 2026 annual report for the Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) in conjunction with the Board of Ethics (BOE or Board).

Since Fiscal Year 2015, as a result of the OEA's investigations, legal reviews, and other activities, we have provided recommendations each year to Executive and County Council Leadership to promote a culture of integrity, efficiency, and public trust. We highlighted several top Fiscal Year 2026 recommendations and cases in this Report.

During Fiscal Year 2026, OEA continued to provide administrative support to the Board of Ethics through the collection of financial disclosure statements from County officials and employees, the registration and reporting of lobbying activities, and the continuation of regular board meetings and hearings, which were conducted virtually. There were twenty-six (26) referrals of alleged ethics violations, of which two (2) were substantiated or partially substantiated through investigations by OEA.

This past year, OEA again collaborated with the Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) to offer mandatory ethics and political activity trainings and resources to the County's workforce of more than 6,000 employees and officials. We conducted several in-person and virtual trainings, including for the new members of the Executive Branch staff. In addition, I participated in the regional podcast – *"The Search for Accountability"* as a guest on the Federal News Network. The Office continued additional community outreach activities to inform the public of OEA and the Board's mission, including updating our Informational Brochure in both English and Spanish.

In FY 2026, OEA shepherded State legislation (HB 328 – PG/MD 105-26), working with the County's Intergovernmental Affairs Team, clarifying provisions for State Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) filing requirements with the County Board of Ethics/OEA in Prince George's County for Bi-County Commissions (M-NCPPC, WSSC, and WSTC). Chapter 558 of the 2026 Laws of Maryland will be effective October 1, 2026, and will require County Council legislation to implement it.

Additional information and reports are available on the OEA/BOE website: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/ethics-accountability>. I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve and provide increased accountability and oversight in the operations of the Prince George's County government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd M. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a stylized "M".

Hon. Todd M. Turner
Executive Director

Mission

The mission of the Office of Ethics and Accountability is to promote public trust in County government through:

- Providing comprehensive intake, processing, investigations, management, and adjudication of allegations of waste, fraud, abuse, and illegal acts in County government.
- Promoting disclosure of outside business and monetary interests of County government employees/officials and real-time notice of lobbying activity directed towards County government.
- Providing training, technical assistance, and public education necessary to ensure County government services are delivered with integrity and in accordance with the standards of professional conduct identified within the ethics code.

Purpose

The Office of Ethics and Accountability provides increased accountability and oversight in the operations of the County government by identifying fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts pursuant to Prince George's County Code §2-299. It also provides support to the Prince George's County Board of Ethics in the exercise of its authority to interpret the County Code of Ethics in order to promote public trust in County government by ensuring the impartiality of the employees and elected officials in accordance with Prince George's County Code §2-292.

The Office of Ethics and Accountability's two main functions are best described as investigative of County operations and administrative in its support to the Board of Ethics. Investigations are initiated in several ways: (1) through the PGC Ethics Hotline, (2) directly to the Office, (3) via media, or (4) by other means. After an initial investigation by OEA, a matter may eventually be referred to law enforcement, an appropriate agency, or the Board of Ethics. Administratively, OEA oversees Financial Disclosure Statement submissions and lobbyists' registrations and reports; renders ethics advice to individuals governed by the Ethics Code; maintains compliance with the Open Meetings Act for the Board of Ethics; and provides ethics training to County officials, employees, and lobbyists.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Jason Papanikolas



In accordance with Section 2- 292(a)(6) of the Prince George's County Code, the Board of Ethics is required to provide an annual report of its activities to the County Executive and County Council. I am pleased to provide the Calendar Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Report of the Board of Ethics ("Board").

I am excited to report that Calendar Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 included the continuation of the County's mandatory ethics training for employees, board and commission members, and elected officials. The Office of Ethics and Accountability successfully collaborated with the Office of Human Resources Management to offer training through the County's online learning module system NEOGOV.

Throughout the year, the Board and OEA staff continued to receive and respond to a large number of requests for ethics advice regarding, but not limited to, conflicts of interest, gifts, political activity, secondary employment, and post-employment matters. The Office of Ethics and Accountability continued to investigate several complaints alleging violations of the Ethics Code. Some of the complaints have resulted in the issuance of recommendations to improve County policies and procedures.

To ensure compliance with the County's Code of Ethics, during the Financial Disclosure Statement filing season, the Office of Ethics and Accountability staff provided assistance and legal advice on electronic filings to several officials, employees, volunteer commissioners, and board members. To date, staff has received and processed approximately one thousand one hundred (1,100) Financial Disclosure Statements for Calendar Year 2025, as well as two hundred ninety-one (291) lobbyist registration and annual report forms from sixty-five (65) total registered lobbyists in Calendar Year 2025.

The Board issued two formal advisory opinions to officials and the employees of the County and conducted one hearing that resulted in a Board Order. The Board will continue to address all questions arising under the Code of Ethics, receive complaints, and authorize, when applicable, the conduct of investigations in connection with the Code of Ethics.

During the past year, we recognized two long-standing Board Members and Past Chair – Charlene Gallion and Melanie Barr Brooks – for their years of service and welcomed two new Board Members – Rev. Gerald Folsom and Lori Matthews. I want to thank my fellow Board Members for their dedicated service. I appreciated the opportunity to promote public trust in its officials and employees.

Sincerely,

Jason Papanikolas
Board Chair



Outgoing Board Members
Charlene Gallion (Far Left) and
Past Chair Melanie Barr-Brooks (Center)



New Board Members Swearing-In
Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom and Lori Matthews
March 2026

Purpose of the Board of Ethics

The Code was enacted to guard against improper influence and even the appearance of improper influence by County officials, employees, and appointees to boards and commissions. To ensure impartiality and independent judgment, the Ethics Code requires designated individuals to disclose their financial affairs, and it sets standards for their business conduct. The Board of Ethics is the advisory body responsible for interpreting the Ethics Code and advising those persons subject to it. The Board of Ethics also serves as the body to hear and determine ethics complaints and violations.

Members of the Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics currently consists of four (4) members. Members must be residents of Prince George's County, and no more than three members may be of the same political party. Todd M. Turner serves as the Executive Director of the Board of Ethics, in addition to serving as the Executive Director of the Office of Ethics and Accountability. The Board of Ethics selected Jason Papanikolas in April to serve as Chair through December 31, 2026. The remaining members are as follows: Dr. Kara Hunt, Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom and Ms. Lori Matthews.

Meetings of the Board of Ethics

All regular meetings were either held virtually or in the Office of Ethics and Accountability, in the Largo Government Center, 9201 Basil Court, Suite 155, Largo, Maryland 20774. As required, advance notice of meetings and the possibility of closed sessions were posted on the County's website. All decisions of the Board of Ethics are reflected in the minutes of the monthly meetings and are available on the OEA's website.

Generally, agenda topics included establishing procedures for the Board of Ethics, consideration of formal requests for advisory opinions on the application of the Ethics Code, and review of investigation reports related to alleged violations of the County's Ethics Code, many of which include recommendations to Executive Leadership in the County. The Board has reviewed proposed legislation to the County Council for revisions to the County's Ethics Code disclosure requirements as part of the requirements to align with the State's Ethics Laws and to promote public trust in County government.

During the 2026 Fiscal Year, the Board of Ethics met nine (9) times for regular sessions. A notice of the meetings appeared on the County's website. The Board of Ethics conducted closed sessions to discuss advisory opinion requests, exemption requests, and Board investigation referrals. The Board of Ethics conducted open meetings for all other actions.

Charter §1002 Waivers

The Board of Ethics did not receive any requests for Section 1002 waivers in the calendar year of 2025. Section 1002 of the Charter provides that the Board of Ethics may authorize any County employee to own stock or maintain a business that engages in business with the County, subject to the Board of Ethics' determination that the employee's involvement does not violate the public trust and that there is full disclosure of all pertinent facts.

Board of Ethics Referrals

The Board of Ethics is empowered with the authority to determine violations of the County's Ethics Code. The Board of Ethics reviews all complaints of alleged violations, conducts fact-finding and hearings, and determines if an Ethics Code violation has occurred. Investigations of ethics violations completed by the OEA are referred to the Board of Ethics for a determination of violations. Some complaints may be determined by the Board in the following fiscal year upon completion of investigations. During the 2026 Fiscal Year, the Board received twenty-six (26) referrals of alleged ethics violations, of which two (2) were substantiated or partially substantiated through investigations by OEA.

Enforcement Activities

The Board of Ethics is empowered to impose fines and other penalties as warranted and to seek judicial enforcement of its sanctions. The Board of Ethics did not seek judicial enforcement but did impose late filing fees for delinquent filing of Financial Disclosure Statements and Lobbyists' Annual Reports during the fiscal year. For the 2026 Fiscal Year, OEA collected approximately \$1,188 in late fees (as of July 31).

Proposed Legislative Changes

Periodically, certain provisions in the Prince George's County Code will require revisions to comply with statutory changes made by the State Ethics Commission or to clarify interpretation to ensure compliance. Any proposed amendments to the Prince George's County Code of Ethics embodied in legislative proposals require approval by the State Ethics Commission in addition to enactment by the County Council. There were three (3) County Code legislative reviews in FY 2026. OEA also reviews, at the request of the Executive Branch, State legislative bills in the General Assembly session for potential impacts on the County Code and/or OEA operations.

Ethics Training

The Office of Ethics & Accountability collaborated with the OHRM to offer mandatory ethics training and other ethics training resources to more than 6,000 employees, officials, and board/commission members. Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, OEA provided in-person and/or online ethics training to several agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Chief of Staff, the Office of Community Relations (OCR), and the Commission on Aging. The Office promotes ethics training and compliance through five (5) distinct training areas: new employee orientation materials, online Learning Management System training (NEOGOV), in-person or virtual online workshops, on-site agency training by agency request, and special ethics topics training. Executive Director Turner is an instructor with the University of Maryland Academy for Excellence in Local Governance (AELG) and conducted ethics trainings for



the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) in FY 2026. Finally, OEA also provides monthly Countywide public service announcements on ethics topics to County officials and employees.



2026 Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference
Ethics Training
June 2026

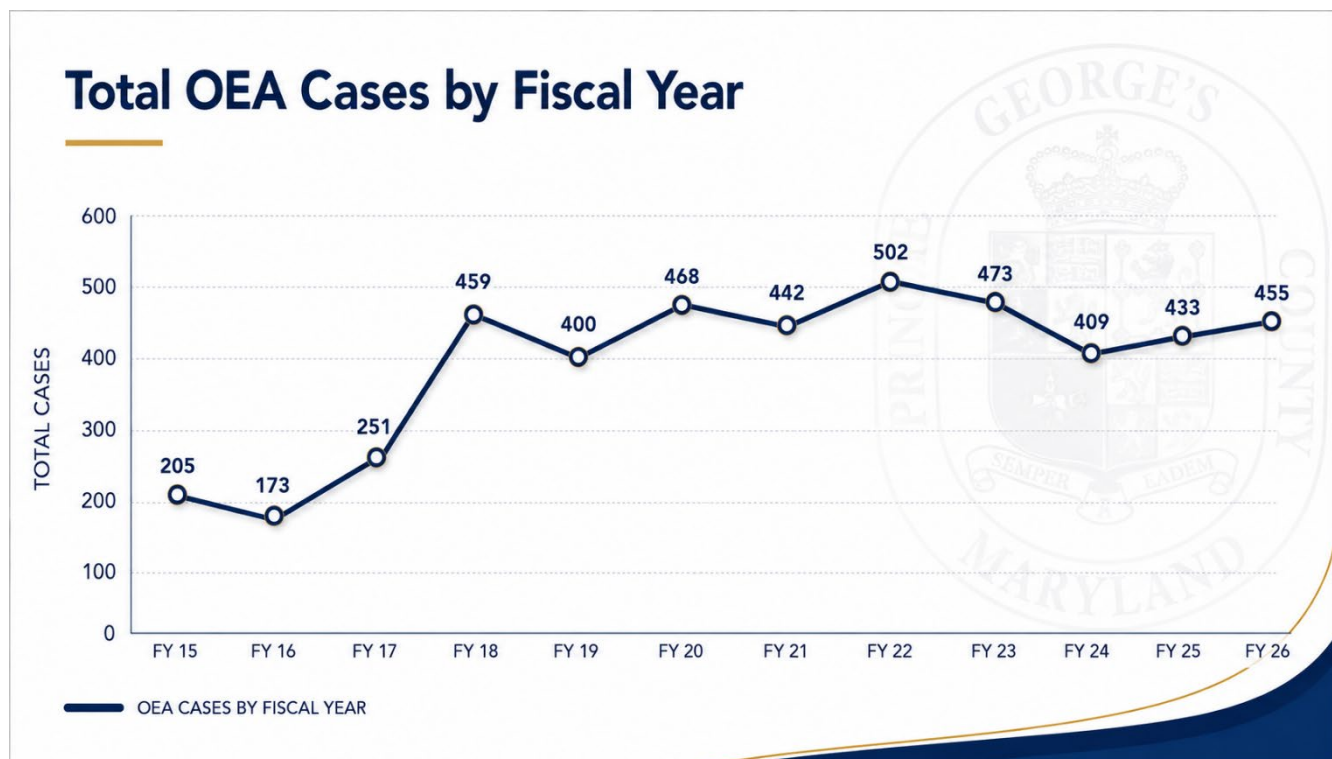


Executive Director Turner at the 2025 Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)
Summer Conference Ethics Training
August 2025
(Photo Credit: MACo Staff)

FY2026 Key Accomplishments

The Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) achieved the following key milestones:

The Office of Ethics and Accountability processed four hundred fifty-five (455) requests for the following case types in Fiscal Year 2026: investigations, operations reviews, legal reviews, formal Board advisory opinions & informal OEA ethics advice, information requests, and financial disclosure exemptions or fee waivers – largely received electronically. The Office has seen a substantial increase in cases since its establishment in Fiscal Year 2014. Of the complaints investigated solely or jointly by OEA this fiscal year, two (2) cases were substantiated or partially substantiated, with recommended actions to be taken by agencies to address the identified ethics violations. Information related to Advisory Opinions, Informal Ethics Advice, and Information Requests are provided on the OEA's website.

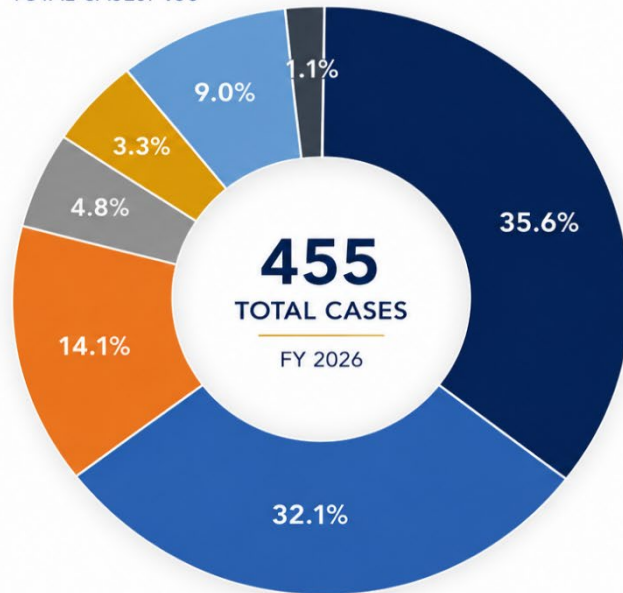


During Fiscal Year 2026, 32.1% of OEA cases involved investigations, while 14.1% involved the rendering of informal ethics advice. Legal reviews constituted 35.6% of the Office's caseload and included, in part, reviews of Secondary Employment Requests, appointments, and County and State legislation impacting ethics laws. Information Requests, including requests made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), comprised 4.8% of cases, while FDS and Lobbying Waivers accounted for 3.3%. OEA also provided administrative support to the Board of Ethics in interpreting permissible activities under the County's Ethics Code.

Most cases received by OEA in Fiscal Year 2026 were filed electronically, by phone, or via email directly to the Office, through the County's web portal, or the Ethics hotline, allowing reporters to file complaints anonymously. OEA continues to utilize the County online payment system (Govolution) for late fees and fines due from designated filers of Financial Disclosure Statements and lobbyists.

FY 2026 OEA CASE TYPES

TOTAL CASES: 455



Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

CASE CATEGORY	# OF CASES	% OF TOTAL
 LEGAL REVIEWS Secondary Employment, Appointments, and Legislative Reviews	162	35.6%
 INVESTIGATIONS FWAI, Ethics Complaints, Non-Ethics Complaints, Use of Resources/County Property, Conflict of Interest, Government Property, Employment, Fire Investigation, Use of Prestige of Office	146	32.1%
 INFORMAL ETHICS ADVICE	64	14.1%
 INFORMATION REQUESTS Including MPIA Requests	22	4.8%
 FDS & LOBBYING WAIVERS FDS Late Fee Waivers and Lobbyist Late Fee Waivers	15	3.3%
 OTHER CASE TYPES Non-Ethics Inquiries, Referrals, FDS, FDS Follow-Up, Operational Review, Advisory Opinion, Formal Opinion, Non-County Ethics Complaint, Non-County Complaint	41	9.0%
 OTHER MINOR CATEGORIES Individual categories with fewer than 2 cases	5	1.1%

In its role of providing oversight and review of the collection of Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) from designated filers in accordance with the County's Ethics Code, the Office of Ethics and Accountability processed over one thousand one hundred (1,100) Financial Disclosure Statements. OEA annually conducts a common error audit and schedules FDS audits for Schedule E (business entities employed with the County), Schedule H (other sources of income), and Schedule J (Other Interests) to identify conflicts related to secondary employment.

The Office of Ethics and Accountability continues to partner with agencies to broaden its global ethics training initiatives and to bring awareness to officials and employees on the importance of reporting ethics violations and instances of fraud, waste, abuse, illegal acts, and noncompliance with County policies.

Other completed FY 2026 Goals:

- Implemented the recommendations from the completed 2024 5-year required independent Quality Assurance Review. **Completed.**
- Updated Executive Order 13-2014, which requires additional individuals and bodies to file Financial Disclosure Statements. **Completed - now Executive Order 5-2025.**
- Continued implementation of the County's Language Access Program (LAP) within OEA.
- Conducted additional community outreach and education activities. **Ongoing**
- Seek State Ethics Code clarifying legislation for State Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) filing requirements with the County Board of Ethics/OEA in Prince George's County for Bi-County Commissions (M-NCPPC, WSSC, and WSTC) (FY 2023 OEA Recommendation). **Completed – HB 328-26/Chapter 558.**

FY2026 Key Accomplishments – House Bill 328-26 (Chapter 558)



Executive Director Turner Testimony on HB 328-26 before the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee. Pictured with Delegate Andrea Harrison (24th District) on behalf of the Prince George's House Delegation
March 2026



Executive Director Turner at Governor Wes Moore's signing of House Bill 328-26 with Senate President Bill Ferguson and Speaker of the House Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
May 2026

(Photo Credit: Office of the Governor)

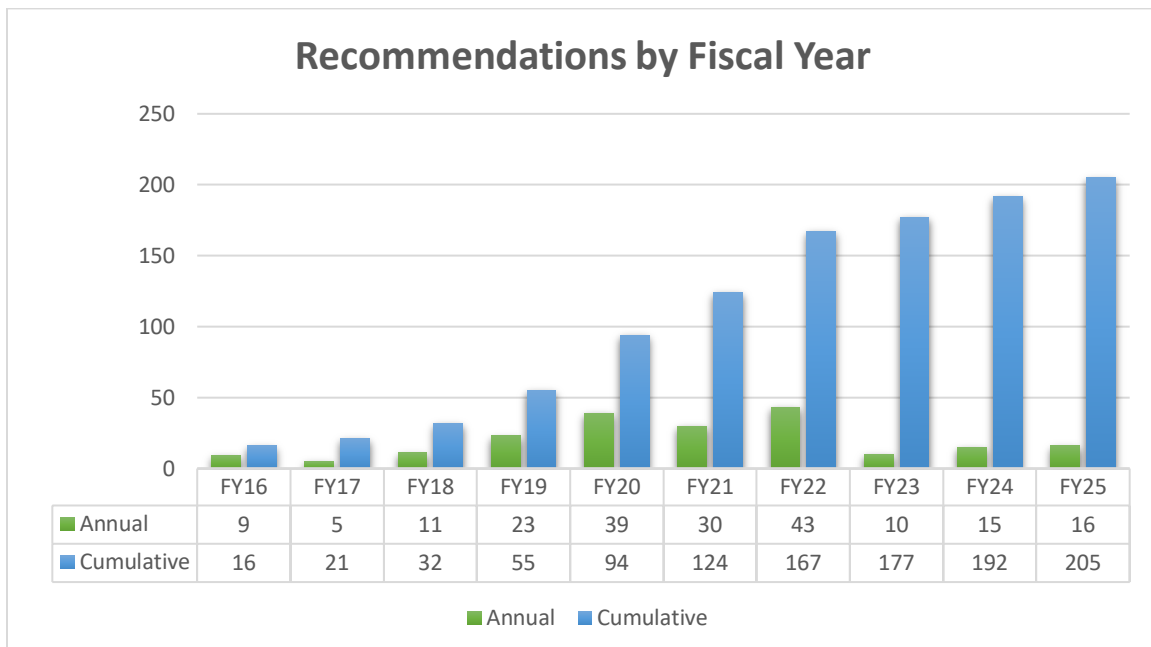
Major Objectives for Fiscal Year 2027

The Office of Ethics and Accountability will continue to focus on establishing processes to govern its core services of investigations, evaluation of County operations, collection of Financial Disclosure Statements for employees and officials, collection of registrations and annual reports for lobbyists, and provision of ethics training and advice, to include the following:

- To continue to provide comprehensive intake, processing, investigation, management, adjudication, analysis, reporting of allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, illegal acts, and operations review in County government and make necessary recommendations to executive and legislative officials to promote efficiency and accountability in County government.
- To continue to provide ethics advice and legal reviews to officials and employees to ensure compliance with the County's Ethics Code.
- To continue to promote disclosure of the outside business and monetary interests of County government employees/officials and real-time notice of lobbying activity directed towards County government.
- Seek County Ethics Code clarifying legislation for State Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) filing requirements with the County Board of Ethics/OEA in Prince George's County for Bi-County Commissions (M-NCPPC, WSSC, and WSTC) and other Code updates recommended by the Board (FY 2023 OEA Recommendation).

FY 2026 Recommendations

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Office of Ethics and Accountability is providing additional recommendations to Executive Management and County Council Leadership. The total number of recommendations by Fiscal Year are provided in the table below (please note: starting in FY 2023 – OEA only provided highlighted recommendations in the Annual Report).



FY 2026 Highlighted Recommendations

1.	N/A	N/A	Proposed State Ethics Code clarifying legislation for State Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) filing requirements with the County Board of Ethics/OEA in Prince George's County for Bi-County Commissions (M-NCPPC, WSSC, and WSTC)(Gen. Prov. Art. §§5-602, 5-822 — 5-832) (2023 Recommendation).	Completed
2.	N/A	N/A	Proposed County Ethics Code §2-294(b) clarifying legislation for Bi-County Commissions (M-NCPPC, WSSC, and WSTC) to provide their State Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) to the County Board of Ethics/OEA. (Continuation of 2023 Recommendation).	Pending
3.	26-0608	Case Type: Conflict of Interest/Use of County Resources Agency/Board/Commission: County Council Subject: Allegation that a County Official misused public funding in the production and mailing of promotional materials for a religious event. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. The County Council Administration, consulting with the Office of Law, should create a policy that governs the issue of supporting religious activities using County funding and grant funding to avoid separation of state and religion issues. 2. Appropriate Council staff should also be required to complete training on the newly created policy.	10/25

4.	25-0424 & 26-0069	Case Type: FWAI/Conflict of Interest Agency/Board/Commission: Fire/EMS Department Subject: Allegations of financial irregularities that were overseen, allowed, and assisted by Fire/EMS officials, regarding the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Station (Station 851) and potential conflict of interest with the vendor. Disposition: Partially Substantiated	1. The Office of Central Services (OCS) and the Office of Procurement (OOP) amend their emergency procedures to secure multiple potential vendors to bid for emergency building repairs, especially related to PGFD projects.	1/26
5.	26-0112	Case Type: Use of County Resources/ FWAI Agency/Board/Commission: Office of the County Executive Subject: Allegation that the 100 Days Boots on the Ground Family Picnic was a waste and an abuse of County position. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. OEA cautioned, given the potential appearance of political promotion and gain, that the Office of the County Executive consult with OEA before hosting similar events to address any potential future issues. 2. The County should also be cognizant of the use of public funds for all public events, given the ongoing County fiscal situation and that they directly benefit the County's programs and its citizens.	1/26

6.	26-0156	Case Type: FWAI Agency/Board/Commission: Fire/EMS Department Subject: Allegation that equipment was thrown out in a dumpster at a County Fire Station. Disposition: Partially Substantiated	1. PGFD mandate that all County Fire Stations conduct a regular full inventory of all County property to make sure all property records are up to date. 2. PGFD updates General Order #03-07 to provide specific guidelines for the equipment inventory and disposal of all County property, including property with no asset tags.	2/26
7.	26-0191 & 26-0196	Case Type: FWAI/Conflict of Interest Agency/Board/Commission: County Council Subject: Allegation that the At-Large Council Member vacancy selection process raised concerns about conflicts of interest and the erosion of public trust. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. Given the importance of the appointment of County Council Members under both the County Charter and Code, the Council should be cognizant of the appropriate public notice and deliberative process contemplated under the County Charter, County Code, and the Council Rules of Procedure.	2/26
8.	26-0220	Case Type: Conflict of Interest/Political Activity/Use of County Resources Agency/Board/Commission/: Revenue Authority Subject: Allegation that a County official is engaging in political activity for a campaign that causes a conflict of interest. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. Caution, given the potential appearance of political promotion or gain and public confusion, that the official separate their social media pages involving their County position from their political position with the campaign and be clear in their public representation in which capacity they are acting. 2. Recommend that the official be reminded of the political activity restrictions under the Code of Ethics, specifically related to the fact that “an official, other than an elected official, or employee may not use public resources or the title of the official or employee to solicit a contribution as that term is defined in the Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.”	6/25

			3. Recommend that the official complete an approved Secondary Employment Request with OEA for the campaign position.	
9.	26-0319	Case Type: Use of County Resources/ Prestige of Office Agency/Board/Commission: County Council Subject: Allegation that an official used their prestige of office and County resources to produce an alleged campaign video, which included a reference to their spouse's business, that was posted on the County Council's Facebook page. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. The County Council, in conjunction with the Council Communications office, should agree that introductory videos should refrain from video footage and information that would be perceived as promoting a personal business of an official or a family member. Video footage of the official or their family members engaging in their personal business activities could give the appearance of a conflict of interest and should be avoided. 2. Pursuant to the County Council procedure, all videos produced by the Council Communication Office should be reviewed by the Council Administration for approval before posting on the Council's social media platforms. 3. All videos produced by the Council Communication Office and approved by the Administration should include a disclaimer that it was solely the product of the Council.	6/25
10.	26-0358	Case Type: Operational Review Agency/Board/Commission: Board of Appeals Subject: Allegation that the Board of Appeals did not conduct a proper hearing regarding a variance application for a property located in the Landover section of the County. Disposition: Unsubstantiated	1. The Board of Appeals should update the board's website to include Meeting Minutes, Variance Decisions, and timely post Board actions.	6/25

Ethics Advice by the Office of Ethics and Accountability

The Office of Ethics and Accountability supports the Board in accordance with the Code of Ethics §2-303. The Office's Legal Counsel provides written and verbal advice to County officials, employees, agencies, and the public who seek advice regarding the application of the County's Code of Ethics.

FY2026 INFORMAL ETHICS ADVICE, LEGAL REVIEWS & INFORMATION REQUESTS



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During Fiscal Year 2026, OEA handled a combined total of 248 matters involving Informal Ethics Advice, Legal Reviews, and Information Requests. Of these matters, 162 (65.3%) involved Legal Reviews, including Secondary Employment Requests, appointments, and legislative reviews; 64 (25.8%) involved Informal Ethics Advice; and 22 (8.9%) involved Information Requests, including requests submitted pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA).

The informal ethics advice involved subject matter such as conflicts of interest, gifts/solicitation/fundraising, secondary employment, and Financial Disclosure Statements. Other Types of Informal Ethics Advice include advice pertaining to post-employment, political activity, prestige of office, lobbying, honorarium, and other related matters.

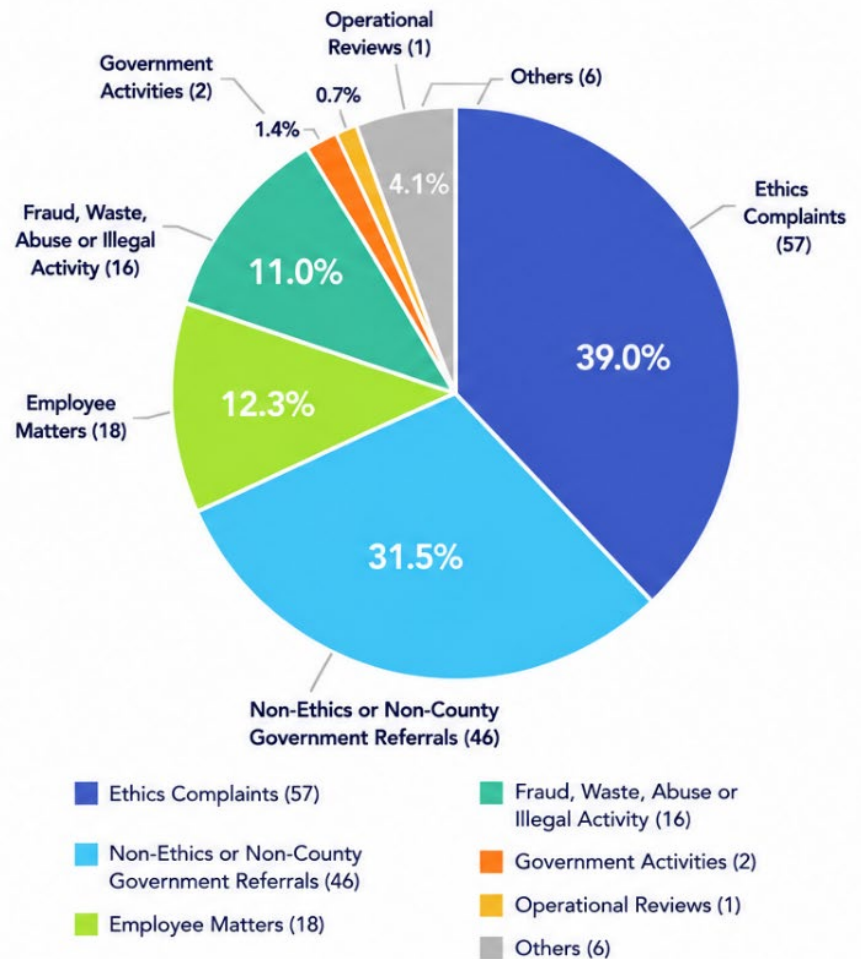
FY 2026 Investigations

The Office of Ethics and Accountability is authorized pursuant to the County's Ethics Code, §2-303 to conduct criminal, civil, and administrative investigations; to provide information and evidence that relates to criminal acts to appropriate law enforcement officials; to initiate reviews of operations of County government as deemed appropriate; to investigate complaints from any source or upon its own initiative concerning alleged fraud, waste, abuse, and service deficiencies; and to conduct joint investigations and projects with the Office of Audits and Investigations as well as other oversight, public safety, or law enforcement agencies.

The Office of Ethics and Accountability does not prosecute criminal conduct. However, criminal conduct discovered by OEA during its investigation of a complaint or tip is referred to the appropriate prosecuting authority in accordance with the County's Ethics and Accountability Code. Moreover, the Office of Ethics and Accountability does not administer personnel matters or seek to resolve personnel conflicts that have existing procedures in place to address. Although allegations may be unsubstantiated, many of the investigations may result in the issuance of recommendations to Executive and Legislative branch leadership to address appearances of conflicts of interest, policy gaps, and operational deficiencies.

During Fiscal Year 2026, OEA conducted one hundred forty-six (146) investigations, representing 32.1% of all OEA cases. Investigations addressed a broad range of matters, including fraud, waste, abuse, or illegal activity (FWAI); non-ethics complaints; ethics complaints; use of County resources or property; conflicts of interest; government property; employment matters; and use of the prestige of office. The above chart provides a breakdown of FY2026 investigation sub-case types.

**FY2026 INVESTIGATION SUB-CASE TYPES
(EMPLOYEE MATTERS)**



Lobbyist Disclosures and Annual Reports

The Office of Ethics & Accountability (OEA) reviewed all Lobbyists' 2025 Registration & Disclosure Forms and 2025 Annual Report Forms. In Calendar Year 2025, OEA processed two hundred ninety-one (291) Registration Forms and Annual Reports from sixty-five (65) total registered lobbyists or firms. As of July 2026, our Office has processed registration forms from fifty-three (53) total registered lobbyists or firms for Calendar Year 2026. For Fiscal Year 2026 (for late filing of 2025 Registrations or Annual Reports), OEA collected \$570 in late fees from registered lobbyists. A list of lobbyists registered with the Office of Ethics and Accountability in calendar years 2025 and 2026 (as of August 31) and their clients can be found on the OEA's website.

The following is the summary of Lobbyists' Annual Reports filed with the Board of Ethics for Calendar Year 2025. Total expenditures for 2025 lobbying activities were \$3,657,694. This is an approximately six and a half percent (6.5%) increase from the 2024 total expenditures of \$3,431,514. The summary of sub-categories on the 2025 Lobbyists' Annual Reports is as follows:

Lobbying Activities	Total Expenditures
(A) Total compensation paid to the lobbyist, not including expenses reported under (B) through (I) below, salaries, compensation, or reimbursed expenses of the staff of the lobbyist:	\$3,640,868
(B) Office expenses of the lobbyist not reported in (A):	\$349
(C) Professional and technical research and assistance not reported in (A):	\$0
(D) Publications which expressly encourage persons to communicate with Prince George's County officials or employees:	\$0
(E) Fees and expenses paid to witnesses:	\$0
(F) Meals and beverages for Prince George's County Officials or employees, or their spouses or dependent children:	\$0
(G) Special events in which all members of the Council or standing committee are invited:	\$16,311
(H) Expenses for food, lodging, and entertainment of officials or employees for a meeting that was given in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting:	\$0
(I) Other gifts to or for officials or employees or their spouses or their dependent children:	\$0
(J) Other expenses:	\$436
Subtotal of A through F:	\$3,641,217
Subtotal of G through J:	\$16,747

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