



Commission Meeting Open Session Minutes February 18, 2026

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission met in a hybrid format in-person at the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation Administration Auditorium in Riverdale, MD, and via videoconference. The meeting was broadcast by the Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Present

Prince George's County Commissioners

Darryl Barnes, Chairman
Manuel Geraldo
Billy Okoye

Montgomery County Commissioners

Artie Harris, Vice-Chair
Shawn Bartley
James Hedrick
Josh Linden

Not Present

Mitra Pedoeem

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Prior to the discussion of Item 1, Chair Barnes noted that Items 5a and 5b would be discussed prior to Items 2, 3, 4, and Item 6.

Item 1. Approval of the Commission Meeting Agenda

- a) Approval of February 18, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda as amended

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the amended meeting agenda.
Seconded by Vice Chair Harris
7 approved the items

Item 5. Action and Presentation Items

- a) Amendments to Practice 3-30, Delegation of Authority (Beckham)

Corporate Policy and Archives Chief Michael Beckham discussed proposed amendments to Administrative Practice 3-30, *Delegation of Authority*, as included in the packet. According to Mr. Beckham, the amendments were requested by the Secretary-Treasurer to update the delegations related to financial transactions and to clarify that Department Heads may delegate their authority under the Administrative Practices and

Procedures and Merit System Rules and Regulations. The amendments also establish two Signature Authorization Forms - one for financial transactions requiring Secretary-Treasurer approval, and one optional template that Department Heads may use to memorialize delegations related to personnel and administrative actions.

Other minor updates include the removal of items from the *Signature Authorization Form for Financial Transactions* that are not financial transactions, such as contract routing sheets and change-order request sheets.

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the proposed amendments.
Seconded by Vice Chair Harris

7 approved the item

- b) Acknowledgement of Connor Klein as the Prince George's County Open Trustee for remainder of the three-year term ending June 30, 2027 (Harris)

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to acknowledge Connor Klein as the Prince George's County Open Trustee.
Seconded by Vice Chair Harris
7 approved the item

Item 2. Approval of Commission Minutes

- a) Open Session – January 21, 2026

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the January 21, 2026, minutes
Seconded by Commissioner Okoye
7 approved the item

Item 3. General Announcements

- a) Black History Month
- b) Upcoming Women's History Month
- c) Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement April 30 (State and M-NCPPC Deadline)

Item 4. Committee and Board Reports

- a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2026 (for Information Only)

Item 6. Officers' Reports

Executive Director's Report

- a) CAS FY25 Annual Report (Spencer/Dupree)

Acting Executive Director William Spencer offered a summary highlighting the work performed by the bi-county Central Administrative Services (CAS) during Fiscal Year 2025. Highlights included 69,905 job applications processed, 30,500 personnel actions processed, 22,922 benefit plans enrollments, 3,152 employees trained in safety awareness or emergency preparedness, 173 supplier development trainings, 14 policies issued and/or updated, and 475 workers compensation and liability claims reviewed and processed.

The Corporate Budget Office received its 39th Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Offices' Association.

FY25 highlights for the Corporate Finance Department included the issuance of 7,564 W-2 forms, 137,779 payroll checks, and 63,995 invoices. The Department also completed Phase I of the Kronos-to-UKG Pro Workforce Management migration, transitioning the M-NCPPC legacy timekeeping system to a more modern SaaS platform; issued a Request for Proposal for a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system; received the Government Finance Offices' Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 52nd consecutive year for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report; and conducted 15 procurement trainings and 14 purchase card trainings.

The Acting Executive Director also noted that the Office of the General Counsel had 11 new cases, closed 23 cases, with seven pending State and Federal cases. FY25 cases included tort claims, employment claims, as well as worker's compensation appeals.

The Office of the Chief Information Officer highlights included work to replace the legacy ERP system, publishing the M-NCPPC IT Strategic Plan, and the launch of the Power BI dashboard for Countywide Information Technology project tracking and transparency.

The Office of the Inspector General had 58 audit recommendations; conducted 57 follow-up recommendations; taught five internal fraud courses; and conducted nine limited investigations, two inspections and reviews, 15 performance audits, and one management advisory review in FY25.

The Merit System Board had 38 reclassifications, three terminations, five suspensions, and four appeals for changes to a lower grade.

Vice Chair Harris thanked CAS staff for their hard work and dedication.

In response to a question from Commissioner Geraldo regarding number of Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation FY25 appeals versus the much lower number in Montgomery Parks, Mr. Spencer noted that the Department of Parks and Recreation in Prince George's County has a much larger staff than Montgomery Parks. Commissioner Geraldo then asked if the M-NCPPC has or is developing a policy that former Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement agents will not be hired as Park Police officers, to which the Acting Executive Director noted that there is no policy like that in place. Commissioner Geraldo then requested to see the legal opinion as to whether the agency has the capacity to implement that as policy.

Commissioner Bartley noted that he would not be in support of such a broad policy.

Chair Barnes stated that Commissioner Geraldo was only asking for clarification regarding any policy that may be in place or if there even is a policy in place regarding the hiring of former ICE agents.

Commissioner Geraldo added that he only wanted the Legal Department to determine what the ramifications of such a policy would be. The Office of the General Counsel will review the issue and follow-up accordingly.

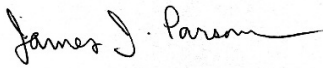
Secretary-Treasurer's Report

No report Scheduled

General Counsel's Report

- b) Litigation and Administrative Hearings Report (For information only)
- c) Legislative Update

Chairman Barnes adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.



James J. Parsons, Senior Technical Writer



William Spencer, Acting Executive Director