

## MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6611 Kenilworth Avenue . Riverdale, Maryland 20737

Commission Meeting Open Session Minutes October 15, 2025

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

# **PRESENT**

Prince George's County Commissioners
Darryl Barnes, Chairman
Manuel Geraldo
A. Shuanise Washington

Montgomery County Commissioners
Artie Harris, Vice-Chair
Shawn Bartley
James Hedrick
Josh Linden
Mitra Pedoeem

## **NOT PRESENT**

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

# Item 1. <u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u>

a) Approval of the October 15, 2025, Commission meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the October 15, 2025, agenda Seconded by Vice Chair Harris 8 approved the item

## Item 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of Commission Minutes – Open Session Regular Meeting: September 24, 2025

ACTION: Motion of Vice Chair Harris to approve the September 24, 2025, minutes Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo 8 approved the item

# Item 3. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Community Planning Month
- b) Upcoming Veterans' Day Holiday

# Item 4. <u>COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS</u>

a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025 (for Information Only)

## Item 5. ACTION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

a) Inspector General Annual Report (Kenney)

Inspector General Kenney and Deputy Inspector General Ogunduyile shared Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Fiscal Year 2025 activities from their annual report as included in the packet.

Topics covered included:

- Completed OIG Engagements (including Audits, Investigations, Inspections & Reviews, Management Advisories, Internal Fraud Courses taught, Audit recommendations and Reviewed follow-up recommendations);
- OIG Services Provided (Performance Audits; Business Process Audits and Facility Audits, Investigations (including Fraud, Waste and Abuse Investigations and Limited Investigations), Management Advisories, Inspections and Evaluations; Follow-up Reviews);
- Governance (Audit Committee and Audit work plan);
- Overview of Reviews Conducted; and
- Major and Pervasive Audit Concerns

She also discussed (3) audits that identified major concerns regarding an overarching theme of lack of policies or procedures coupled with insufficient oversight and monitoring; and pervasive audit concerns resulting in (70) audit recommendations to improve the effectiveness, productivity and efficiency of the agency's programs, polices and operations. She noted these pervasive concerns do not involve any direct instances of fraud, waste or abuse, but focus on adherence to or the need to develop control procedures and oversight. She also noted that 12 recommendations involved administration and control over cash (petty cash, bank deposits, accounts receivable) and will soon be addressed by updating agency policy to use direct payment options, greatly reducing the inherent risk of cash; 12 recommendations were made to develop or strengthen internal policies and procedures; 11 recommendations focused on improving managerial oversight and employee compliance with applicable laws, policies, and ethical standards; and 9 recommendations were made to strengthen controls over Commission assets; and (7) of the recommendation involved controlled assets, or assets costing less than \$10,000; while 1 recommendation provided guidance on strengthening retail inventory controls.

Chairman Barnes asked how many of these recommendations are duplicate recommendations from previous years, noting if we see the same issues time and again, it indicates the need for better training or enforcement. Ms. Kenney said there are some duplicates and themes (e.g., petty cash and inventory controls) and said she will forward statistics to the Chairs on FY23 and FY24 to show trends. She reiterated these items are mainly concerns of not following policy, not of detection or indication of theft.

Chair Harris thanked Ms. Kenney for her work and that of her staff. He asked if there is a trend explaining the doubling of Fraud Waste and Abuse investigations from the last fiscal year. Ms. Ogunduyile said the OIG's increased Fraud Waste and Abuse training and the Office of the General Counsel's Ethics Training has increased awareness of these issues, resulting in receiving more referrals.

b) Audit Committee Annual Activity Report (Pedoeem) (for information only)

Item 6. <u>OFFICERS' REPORTS</u> Executive Director's Report

- a) Quarterly Late Evaluations (For information only)
- b) CIO's Quarterly Report (For information only)

Secretary-Treasurer's Report *No report Scheduled* 

General Counsel's Report

c) Litigation and Administrative Hearings Report (For information only)

Chairman Barnes adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

James F. Adams, Senior Technical Writer

William Spencer, Acting Executive Director