



## **Commission Meeting Open Session Minutes April 15, 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

Brittany Jenkins

Lori Matthews (joined at 10:15 a.m.)

Billy Okoye

#### **Montgomery County Commissioners**

Artie Harris, Vice-Chair

James Hedrick

Josh Linden

Mitra Pedoeem

### **Not Present**

Shawn Bartley

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### **Item 1. Approval of the Commission Meeting Agenda**

- a) Approval of April 15, 2026, Commission Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the meeting agenda  
Seconded by Commissioner Okoye  
8 approved the items

#### **Item 2. Approval of Commission Minutes**

- a) Open Session – March 18, 2026

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the March 18, 2026, minutes  
Seconded by Vice Chair Harris  
8 approved the item

**Item 3. General Announcements**

- a) Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement Reminder – Due April 30

**Item 4. Committee and Board Reports**

- a) Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2026 (for Information Only)

Pursuant to the Maryland General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 3-305(b)(9), a closed session is proposed to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.

**Item 5. Closed Session**

ACTION: Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to enter closed session  
Seconded by Commissioner Okoye  
8 approved the item

On motion of Commissioner Geraldo, seconded by Okoye, with Commissioners Barnes, Geraldo, Jenkins, Okoye, Harris, Hedrick, Linden, and Pedoeem voting in favor of the motion, the Commission convened in Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. under the authority of Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(9), to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Barnes, Geraldo, Jenkins, Okoye, Harris, Hedrick, Linden, and Pedoeem.

Also present for the meeting were William Spencer, Acting Executive Director; Terri Charles, Corporate Budget Director; Gavin Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer; James Hunt, Acting Director, Prince George's Planning; Darius Stanton, Director, Prince George's Parks and Recreation; Miti Figueredo, Director, Montgomery Parks; Jason Sartori, Director, Montgomery Planning; Todd Allen, Corporate Human Resources Director; Wes Aniton, Deputy General Counsel; Gary Burnett, Deputy Director, Montgomery Parks; Mazen Chilet, Chief Information Officer; Darren Flusche, Deputy Director, Montgomery Parks; Tracey Harvin, Corporate Policy and Management Operations Director; Jason Lawrence, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer; Gwen McCall-Winston, Deputy Director, Prince George's Planning; Katina Shoulars, Acting Deputy Director, Prince George's County Parks and Recreation; and James Parsons, Sr. Technical Writer, DHRM.

Open session resumed at 10:48 a.m. Chair Barnes noted that during Closed session, the Commission approved past Closed Session minutes. The Commission also received a briefing from the Acting Executive Director on Collective Bargaining with MCGEO and FOP. Commissioners provided input and direction.

**Item 6. Action and Presentation Items**

- a) Resolution 26-02 Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan (Zeigler)

ACTION: Motion of Vice Chair Harris to approve the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan and adopt associated resolution 26-02  
Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo  
9 approved the item

Northern Activities Supervisor Don Zeigler of Montgomery Planning briefed the Commissioners and discussed the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan, as included in the packet. According to Mr. Zeigler, the goal of the proposed Sector Plan, which includes portions of the 1994 Clarksburg Master Plan, is to balance development with the preservation of natural and historic resources that contribute to a more complete, connected, and sustainable neighborhood in Clarksburg. Mr. Zeigler then requested the adoption of the Clarksburg Gateway Sector Plan and the associated resolution.

b) Resolution 26-03 Montgomery County Bond Sale (Cohen)

**ACTION:** Motion of Vice Chair Harris to approve the Montgomery County bond sale and adopt associated resolution 26-03

Seconded by Commissioner Geraldo

9 approved the item

Secretary-Treasurer Gavin Cohen briefed the Commissioners on Resolution 26-03, which will provide authorization to sell a maximum of \$12 million worth of General Obligation bonds to support the Montgomery County Parks system, as included in the packet. The bonds will be sold via negotiated sale through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that will be released to banks on April 22, 2026, with Chair Harris to select the winning bank on May 26, 2026. The deal will close on June 19, 2026. The transaction will not impact the Prince George's County side of the Commission. The Secretary-Treasurer then requested approval of the resolution.

c) Resolution 26-04 Prince George's County Bond Sale (Cohen)

**ACTION:** Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to approve the Prince George's County bond sale and adopt associated resolution 26-04

Seconded by Commissioner Okoye

9 approved the item

Secretary-Treasurer Gavin Cohen briefed the Commissioners on Resolution 26-04, which will provide authorization to sell a maximum of \$51.3 million worth of General Obligation bonds to support the Prince George's County Parks system, and authorize the refund of \$12.5 million of previous bonds issued from series 2015A, as detailed in the packet. The refund will only take place if sufficient savings can be attained. The bonds will be sold via public sale on June 2, 2026, with the deal closing on June 16, 2026. The transaction will not impact the Montgomery County side of the Commission.

Staff will be meeting with and presenting information to Fitch and Standard & Poor's on May 11-12, to reaffirm the M-NCPPC's existing AAA rating. The Secretary-Treasurer then requested approval of the resolution.

d) Resolution 26-05 FY26 Wage Adjustments for MCGEO-represented Employees (Spencer)

**ACTION:** Motion of Commissioner Geraldo to adopt Resolution 26-05

Seconded by Vice Chair Harris

9 approved the item

Acting Executive Director Bill Spencer briefed the Commissioners and discussed FY26 Wage Adjustments for MCGEO-represented Employees, as detailed in the packet, and requested approval of the arbitrator's decision on the submitted wage package and adoption of the associated resolution.

e) Review of FY25 Personnel Management Review (King)

Classification and Compensation Chief Boni King offered a briefing and background information regarding the FY25 Personnel Management Review, as detailed in the packet. To address previous departmental comments and recommendations, the FY25 PMR includes new statistical information, including average salaries by gender and by department, the number of external versus internal positions filled and the average time to fill vacancies, and the number of terminations by department. The review will also be made accessible and optimized for those who require assistive technology. Ms. King noted that some statistics for departments with fewer than ten employees were not provided to protect employee identification.

Ms. King noted that the FY25 PMR is a comprehensive resource that offers data and statistics on M-NCPPC's total workforce; career workforce; recruitment trends and the career workforce lifecycle; employee benefits and enrichment programs; retirement plans, and eligibility and projection trends; the non-permanent workforce; turnover rates as compared to other jurisdictions; and departmental and bi-county demographics, and as such can be used to assist departments in future human capital strategic opportunities.

**Item 7. Officers' Reports**

**Executive Director's Report**

- a) CIO Quarterly Report (for information only)
- b) Quarterly Late Evaluation Report (for information only)

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

No report scheduled

**General Counsel's Report**

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

Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1), a closed session is proposed to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; or (ii) any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Topic: Employment matter

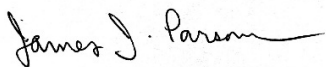
Pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Sections 3-305(b)(7), a closed session is proposed to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding pending or potential litigation.

Topic: Potential or pending litigation and possible options

**Item 8. Closed Session**

Commissioners re-entered Closed session at 11:04 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Parsons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

James J. Parsons, Senior Technical Writer

William Spencer, Acting Executive Director