



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

February 19, 2026

Report No. 2

The Senate Executive Nominations Committee reports favorably on the attached appointments and recommends that the Senate of Maryland advise and consent to these appointments.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin F. Brooks".

Benjamin Brooks
Chair

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Enclosure

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District Court, Prince George's County (District 5)

1. Melissa Alesia Pryce District 23

Judge of the District Court of Maryland, District 5, Prince George's County; appointed to serve a term of 10 years from August 29, 2025

Department of Social and Economic Mobility

2. Walter Lafayette Simmons District 40

Secretary of the Department of Social and Economic Mobility; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Service and Civic Innovation, Department of

3. Jonny Dorsey District 16

Secretary of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

State Chief Information Security Officer

4. James Saunders, III District 6

State Chief Information Security Officer; appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor

Accountability and Implementation Board

5. Robin Marie Werner District 37

Member of the Accountability and Implementation Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2020

Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees, Maryland

6. Nolanda Robert District 34
- Member of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust Board of Trustees; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2023

Civil Rights, Commission on

7. Kimberly Prescott District 44
- Member of the Commission on Civil Rights; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 1, 2021

Community Health Resources Commission, Maryland

8. Ulysses Michael Currie District 27
- Member of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023
9. Destiny-Simone Ramjohn District 46
- Member of the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Community Health Worker Advisory Committee, State

10. Matthew David Castner, DPH, MHA District 9
- Member of the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from October 1, 2025

Education, State Board of

11. Marcia Leonard District 12
- Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022
12. Nicole Nannette Murray-Lewis District 15
- Member of the State Board of Education; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Health Services Cost Review Commission

13. David Maine, M.D. District 11

Member of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

14. Courtney Mariette District 25

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2025

Public Service Commission

15. Kumar Barve District 17

Chair of the Public Service Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2023

16. Frederick Hilton Hoover, Jr. District 30

Member of the Public Service Commission; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

University System of Maryland Board of Regents

17. Geoffrey Johnson Gonella District 18

Member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Statewide Nominees

Please Note: Statewide nominees who, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, are not required to appear before the committee.

Accountability and Implementation Board

S-1. Joseph Nguyen Manko, Ph.D. District 46

Member of the Accountability and Implementation Board; reappointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from July 2, 2025

Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board

S-2. Joseph Henry MD

Member of the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-3. Elizabeth Blakely Shord District 38

Member of the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

Apprenticeship and Training Council

S-4. Beli Acharya District 18

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-5. Brian William Courtien District 31

of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-6. Ellen Flowers-Fields District 28

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-7. Denise Gilmore District 40

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-8. Martin Gerard Knott, Jr. District 46

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-9. Jeanine Nagrod NJ

Member of the Apprenticeship and Training Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

Arts Council, Maryland State

S-10. Nicholas Alexander Brown District 24

Member of the Maryland State Arts Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

S-11. Gerard Robert LaFemina District 1

Member of the Maryland State Arts Council; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of

S-12. Susan Hirsh, D.C. District 13

Member of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

Dental Examiners, State Board of

S-13. Jennifer Nguyen Ngoc Mai, D.D.S. District 46

Member of the State Board of Dental Examiners; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from June 1, 2024

Historic St. Mary's City Commission

S-14. Francis Gray District 28

Member of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-15. Gary Kellner District 30

Member of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission; appointed to serve a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-16. Laura Masur District 30

Member of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

LGBTQIA+ Affairs, Commission on

S-17. Jeffrey Zane Slavin District 16

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2024

S-18. Phillip Lee Westry, Jr. District 45

Member of the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2023

Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors

S-19. Denise Anita Hicks-Brown, Esq. District 3

Member of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2024

Maryland School for the Blind, Board of Directors of the

S-20. Karen Renee Malinowski District 8

Member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Massage Therapy Examiners, State Board of

S-21. Stephen Conti District 12

Member of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners; reappointed to serve a term of 4 years from October 1, 2025

Morticians and Funeral Directors, State Board of

S-22. Albert Bloomfield District 15

Member of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-23. Lavana Tere Jenkins District 23

Member of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-24. Kasey Martin District 21

Member of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-25. Tracey Newman District 19

Member of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2023

S-26. James Thomas Schwartz District 5

Member of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

On-Site Wastewater Professionals, State Board of

S-27. Ray Harrison District 36

Member of the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

Patuxent River Commission

S-28. D'Real Graham District 27

Member of the Patuxent River Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2025

S-29. David Hammond Michael District 33

Member of the Patuxent River Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from October 1, 2021

Pharmacy, State Board of

S-30. Brian Duane Banks District 23

Member of the State Board of Pharmacy; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024

Professional Engineers, State Board for

S-31. Liliane Niapiamba Kuitcha District 5

Member of the State Board for Professional Engineers; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2024

Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board

S-32. Sue McLendon District 34

Member of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2023

Rural Legacy Board, Advisory Committee to the

S-33. Kelly Berry Stevens District 38

Member of the Advisory Committee to the Rural Legacy Board; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 3 years from July 1, 2025

St. Mary's College of Maryland, Board of Trustees

S-34. Susan Perkoff Bass DC

Member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from June 1, 2025

S-35. Antoinette Arena Coleman NY

Member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland; appointed to serve a term of 6 years from June 1, 2025

S-36. Micheline Lopez Estrada District 29

Member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from June 1, 2025

S-37. Heidi Elizabeth Murdy-Michael VA

Member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 6 years from June 1, 2023

Veterans' Home Commission, Maryland

S-38. Matthew Ryan Williams District 18

Member of the Maryland Veterans' Home Commission; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 5 years from July 1, 2021

Women, Maryland Commission for

S-39. Joyce King District 14

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2025

S-40. Nichelle Schoultz District 16

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2022

S-41. Michelle Siri

District 42

Member of the Maryland Commission for Women; appointed to serve remainder of a term of 4 years from July 1, 2024