



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

September 9, 2021

**CONSENT AGENDA (C)-OTHER CONSENT**

**ITEMS**

To: Montgomery County Planning Board

From: Casey Anderson, Chair  
Montgomery County Planning Board

SUBJECT: Appointment of Erin White, C.P.A. as Public Member of the Audit Committee

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**Recommendation:** Appoint Erin White, C.P.A. to serve on the Commission's Audit Committee as a public member for a full two-year term ending September 30, 2023. Subject to a favorable vote by the Board, the draft letter (attached) will be transmitted to the Montgomery County Council for review, and Ms. White will be eligible to serve for the stated term unless the Council registers its objection to her appointment.

**Background:** In accordance with the requirements of Md. Code Ann., Land Use Article, Section 15-402(f)(1), the Commission is charged with creating an Audit Committee. In particular, the statute mandates four voting members on the Audit Committee as follows: one Commissioner who is a member of the Montgomery County Planning Board (MCPB) appointed by the MCPB Chair, one Commissioner who is a member of the Prince George's County Planning Board (PGCPB) appointed by the PGCPB Chair, two members of the public, one appointed by each planning board.

Ms. White has been recommended by Ms. Lori Depies, Montgomery County's current public audit committee member. Ms. Depies term expires September 30, 2021, and she is not seeking a renewed term.

The statute further requires that a public member must possess the following qualifications:

- Advanced education and experience in the management of governmental entities that are comparable to the commission in scope and complexity;
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in the application of:
  - Generally accepted accounting principles;
  - Generally accepted government auditing standards; and
  - Internal control systems;
- An understanding of the appropriate functions of an audit committee.

After a diligent review of Ms. White's qualifications, I recommend that the MCPB appoint Ms. Erin White. Ms. White exceeds the experience requirements specified in the statute. She has strong financial expertise and extensive local government experience through operational and leadership roles. Ms. White is a certified public accountant. She is presently serving as the Finance Director for Frederick County, a position she has held since January 2021. Ms. White has held senior financial positions with Frederick County Government since 2002.



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**Delivery Via Email and Regular Mail**

The Honorable Tom Hucker  
President Montgomery County Council  
Council Office Building  
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Nomination of Erin White to M-NCPPC Audit Committee

Dear President Hucker:

On behalf of the Montgomery County Planning Board (the "Board"), and pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Land Use Article, Section 15-402(f)(1), this letter presents the Montgomery County Council (the "Council") with the name and qualifications of Ms. Erin White for appointment by the Board as a public member of the Audit Committee of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (the "Commission"). Ms. White will replace Ms. Lori Depies, whose term expires on September 30, 2021.

As you may recall, with the support of the Commission and the Council, the General Assembly enacted Section 15-402, which among other things, reconstitutes our agency's Audit Committee. In particular, Section 15-402 requires the Board to appoint one public member of the new Audit Committee after submitting the person's name and qualifications for consideration by the Council. According to the statutory process, once the name and qualifications are submitted, the Board's nominee will automatically become eligible for the appointment unless the Council notifies the Board of any objection within 30 days.

The Board has voted unanimously to procure the appointment of Ms. White to the Audit Committee for a two (2) year term expiring September 30, 2023. As you can see from the resume attached, Ms. White is an accomplished professional with more than a decade of experience leading government accounting, finance and policy teams.

Before starting her professional career, Ms. White earned her bachelor's

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degree with honors from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, New York. She also remains an active leader in the Maryland Government Finance Officers' Association. For all these reasons, the Board believes Ms. White is uniquely qualified based on her education, experience and track record of serving the public with integrity.

Please feel free to let me know if you or any members of the Council have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Casey Anderson,  
Chair Montgomery County  
Planning Board

Attachment (Resumé of Erin White)

cc: Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chair, Prince George's County Planning  
Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Executive Director, M-NCPPC  
Marlene Michaelson, Council Administrator  
Erin White