



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

December 16, 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

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.