

Resolution No.: 20-1023
Introduced: January 13, 2026
Adopted: January 27, 2026

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Member to Merit System Protection Board

Background

1. Section 403 of the Montgomery County Charter requires the appointment of a Merit System Protection Board.
2. The second full term of Chair Sonya Chiles expired on December 31, 2025.
3. By law, the Board is composed of three members who are qualified voters of the County appointed by the Council. One member must be appointed each year for a term of three years. Appointments must be made so that no more than two members of the Board are members of the same political party.
4. Current members of the Board include Vice Chair Treava Hopkins-Laboy (Democrat) and Era Pandya (Unaffiliated).

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

Effective January 27, 2026, Barbara Sapin (Democrat) is appointed as a member of the Merit System Protection Board until December 31, 2028, or until a successor has qualified and has been appointed.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council