Clerk's Note: The Council adopted Resolution 20-1184 on July 28, 2026. The County Executive vetoed the appointment of James Hedrick on August 26, 2026. The Council voted to reaffirm the appointment on September 15, 2026.

Resolution No.: 20-1184
Introduced: July 28, 2026
Adopted: July 28, 2026

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: County Council

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Board

Background

1. Sections 15-102 and 15-103 of the Land Use Article of the Maryland Code (Land Use Article) authorize the County Council to appoint individuals to serve on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Montgomery County Planning Board.

2. Section 15-102 of the Land Use Article establishes that not more than three Planning Board members can be from the same political party. The current Planning Board members and their political parties are Chair Artie Harris (Democrat), Mitra Pedoeem (Unaffiliated), Shawn Bartley (Republican) and Josh Linden (Democrat).

3. Sections 15-108 and 20-208 of the Land Use Article provide that the County Council may establish the annual salary of each Montgomery County Planning Board member.

4. James Hedrick (Democrat) was appointed to fill the unexpired term vacated by Carol Rubin (Democrat) in October 2022, which expired on June 14, 2026.

5. The County Council is prepared to appoint an individual to serve on the Montgomery County Planning Board and the M-NCPPC for a term beginning on June 15, 2026, and ending on June 14, 2030, or until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

Action

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

1. James Hedrick (Democrat) is appointed to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Board, effective June 15, 2026, through June 14, 2030, or until a successor has been appointed and qualifies.

2. The salary of the Commissioner and Montgomery County Planning Board Member will be $30,000, including the mandatory salary provided under Section 15-108 of the Land Use Article.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council

Vetoed on August 26, 2026

Marc Elrich Date
County Executive