

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **5**

Resolution No. 48 -2026

Introduced by: David Yungmann

SHORT TITLE: Appointment – Michael Cummins – Inspector General Advisory Board

TITLE: A RESOLUTION appointing Michael A. Cummins to the Inspector General Advisory Board to fill a term ending on April 7, 2029.

Introduced and read first time April 4, 2026.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on April 20, 2026.
By order Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council on May 4, 2026.
Certified By Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

Howard County Council
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

March 9, 2026

RE: LETTER OF INTEREST – IG ADVISORY BOARD

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

My name is Michael Cummins, and I am writing to express my interest in volunteering to serve on the Howard County Inspector General’s Advisory Board. I have been a resident of Howard County since 1995 and would welcome the opportunity to give back to the community that has provided my family with a wonderful place to live. I am affiliated with the Democratic Party.

As reflected in my resume, I retired from the Federal Government following a 28-year career in public service. During the first six years of my career, I served as an internal auditor, conducting compliance, performance, and financial statement audits. I later transitioned into law enforcement, where I conducted investigations involving violations of criminal law.

Currently, I am employed in the private sector, where I manage a global security team responsible for investigating potential violations of compliance, ethics, and other forms of misconduct. Collectively, these roles have provided me with extensive, hands-on expertise in auditing, compliance, and investigative work – core competencies that are directly aligned with the mission and responsibilities of an Inspector General.

In addition, I hold a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from the University of Georgia and am an inactive Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Maryland. My education and professional background have equipped me with strong analytical skills, sound judgment, and a deep appreciation for accountability, transparency, and ethical governance.

I would be honored to contribute my experience and perspective in support of the Inspector General’s work and the continued integrity of Howard County government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Cummins

MICHAEL A. CUMMINS



SUMMARY

Retired law enforcement officer and auditor with experience in investigations, auditing, and security operations within the government and private-sector environments. Proven leader with strong analytical, decision-making, and communication skills, capable of working independently or collaboratively. Key qualifications:

- Lead a global security team responsible for conducting investigations of alleged compliance and ethics violations and other forms of wrongdoing.
- Retired law enforcement professional with progressive responsibility and broad operational experience.
- Demonstrated ability to build trusted relationships with internal and external stakeholders, law enforcement agencies, and regulatory and industry partners.
- Highly organized and reliable, with the flexibility to adapt to shifting priorities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Collaborated with internal and external partners to implement telephone fraud detection technology, preventing more than \$1.1M in product loss.

Led a cross-functional team in the successful implementation of an enterprise-wide travel risk management program, including development and approval of a new policy to mitigate health, safety, and security risks for employees traveling on company business.

Investigated product losses, identified root causes, and recommended improvements to accountability and inventory controls.

Conducted international investigations uncovering compliance, ethics, and policy violations, resulting in disciplinary actions, including termination.

Established and maintained a collaborative partnership with the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) Office of Compliance to share critical case information addressing public health threats, including counterfeit pharmaceuticals entering the U.S. supply chain.

Served as the FDA and Office of Criminal Investigations (OCI) liaison to international regulatory and law enforcement agencies, domestic government partners, professional associations, and regulated industry on criminal enforcement and pharmaceutical investigations.

Led OCI's Pharmaceutical Industry Day, engaging more than 100 industry participants to communicate agency priorities, investigative initiatives, and enforcement focus related to pharmaceuticals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Director, Global Security
Cencora, Inc.

June 2021 – Present

Manage the global security team responsible for the creation and maintenance of an enterprise-wide program to ensure the safety and security of team members and leadership, the protection of company assets, and the mitigation of loss. Proactively anticipate, prepare for, respond to, protect, and adapt safety and security protocols.

- Respond, investigate, and resolve incidents involving theft or loss, property damage, workplace violence, alleged wrongdoing and potential ethics and compliance violations.
- Design, oversee, and support physical security systems and services for facilities worldwide.
- Manage a risk-based approach to protect and secure senior leadership and team members.

Healthcare Fraud Investigator
Rebel Consulting, LLC, Sole Member

April 2020 – May 2021

Investigated allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Unified Program Integrity Contract. Independently identified, collected, analyzed, and summarized evidence; reviewed records; and conducted interviews with complainants, Medicare beneficiaries, Medicaid recipients, and providers. Prepared investigative reports for management and law enforcement and made referrals and recommendations to the Office of the Inspector General and CMS for potential prosecution and administrative action including revocation, suspension, overpayment recovery, and provider education.

Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Office of Criminal Investigations (Retired)
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

April 2019 – April 2020
Acting Role Sept 2018 – Dec 2018

Worked independently and collaboratively under executive leadership direction in the advancement of OCI's mission. Provided leadership, management, and oversight of Headquarters daily operations, including direct supervision of four Assistant Special Agents in Charge, and coordination of support activities for OCI field offices. Drafted and implemented new and revised OCI-wide policies and procedures to support the agency's criminal investigative responsibilities.

Senior Operations Manager, Office of Criminal Investigations
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Aug 2012 – April 2019

Served in OCI Headquarters as the national subject matter expert for pharmaceutical investigations. Developed, implemented, and managed OCI investigative initiatives related to FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Provided authoritative guidance to Headquarters and field offices on criminal investigative policies, procedures, priorities, and objectives. Built and maintained strong working relationships with FDA components, other federal agencies, domestic and foreign law enforcement and regulatory authorities, and regulated industry. Acted as a domestic and international spokesperson and liaison for OCI and FDA and developed and delivered training for internal and external partners.



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**AFFIDAVIT OF AFFIRMATION
UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

I, Michael A. Cummins, being over the age of 18, hereby affirm the following:

1. I have never been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor with a statutory penalty of more than two years.
2. I am not currently, nor have I been in the last five years:
 - a. An employee, Board or Commission Member, elected officer, candidate for a public office or political central committee, or another individual who is subject to the jurisdiction of the Inspector General
 - b. A County contractor or person negotiating a contract with the County;
 - c. A Vendor who provides or is seeking certification for goods and services to the County;
 - d. An employee, owner, or board member of an external recipient of County funds, benefits, or services;
 - e. A publicly elected or appointed officer's spouse, parent, child, or sibling;
 - f. an officer, staff member or employee of any federal, state or local political party organization;
or
 - g. A lobbyist under the Maryland or County Public Ethics Law.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge that the contents of this document are true.

Printed Name: Michael A. Cummins

Signature: 

Date: 03/14/2026