

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

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RESOLUTION NO. 129 - 2019

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Wei Guo to the Commission on Aging.

Introduced and read first time on October 7, 2019.

By order Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on October 21, 2019.

By order Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted Adopted with amendments Failed Withdrawn by the County Council on November 4, 2019.

Certified by Diane A. Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALLCAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

Wei Guo

Objective

To serve on the Commission on Aging of Howard County for providing excellent services for senior residents.

Community service experience

July 2014 – present: Chair of Board of Directors of Howard County Chinese School (HCCS).

- Planned and coordinated students and parents to participate in the Chinese New Year celebration organized by the County Executive office, Clarksville Commons, Columbia 50th anniversary celebration and Columbia Association's sister city event.
- Participated in the River Hill's July 4th parade in the past two years and Taichi performances in the Greater Washington area.
- Led revisions of HCCS Bylaws.
- Made the decision on the HCCS expansion financially feasible, and built efficient Board of Directors body and management teams.

August 2004 – 2014: Teacher.

- Taught Chinese language and culture for grades 4 and 5. The school was the 2014 Governor O'Malley's Service Award recipient.

Sept. 2008 -- August 2010: Principal of HCCS, which has about 600 students in Chinese classes.

- Built the executive committee to best serve whole school and community.
- Coordinated and worked with Board of Directors and the management team, PTA and teachers in improvement of Chinese language learning and teaching, community services, such as working with the Korean community celebrating the Asian American and Pacific Heritage Month.
- Worked with the Asian American Doctors Association to serve low-income people and family. During this time, HCCS was awarded of the Excellent Chinese Language School Overseas.

Sept. 2006 – August 2008: Dean of HCCS.

- Responsible for teacher's recruitments, evaluation, training, and curriculum design.
- Participated organizing community events such as the celebration of Asian and Pacific month, Chinese New Year gala, Students Chinese speech competition.

Sept. 1999 – August 2001: Dean of HCCS in charge of teaching plans and management of 300 students.

Dec. 1998 – August 1999: Treasurer of HCCS assisting to manage 80 students.

Work Experience

August 2014 – present **Sr. Software Engineer/Software Engineer**, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

- Developed and designed student registration and teaching evaluation system for the school of medicine.
- Developed and managed the web system of clinical research data for Brady Urological Institute.

September 2013 – August 2014 **Sr. Database Administrator**, Edaptive Systems LLC, Baltimore

- Worked on the projects of ICS (Injury Compensation System), DBiDs and QSRS from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services in database design development and security.

January 2005 – September 2013 **Sr. Software Engineer/DBA**, Johns Hopkins University

- Led Core320 projects in IT project of all lifecycle of development.
- Wrote user manual and did user training. Coordinated with different users in data management and analysis for cardiovascular patient in diagnosis and treatment.
- September 2001 – January 2005 **Database Engineer**, University of Maryland Baltimore, Center of Information and Technology Services. Participated the implementation of centralized financial, HR and research management system with Oracle/Peoplesoft.

August 1992 – Feb. 2005 Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University, school of medicine, BME and school of public health

- Researched and developed the patients tracking system and made data analysis.

Education

July 1986 Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering, China Medical University, Shenyang, China

January 1982 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
Northeastern University, Shenyang, China

References:

Dr. Clarence Lam, Senator, Maryland General Assembly; physician, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Dr. Chao Wu, Howard County Board of Education; Senior Data Scientist at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Ms. Kui Zhao, Senior Planner (certified) with the Baltimore County Government Commissioner; Howard County Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Bianca Chang, Commissioner, Howard County Human Rights Commission

Testimony of Wei Guo in seeking appointment to the Howard County Commission on Aging

October 21, 2019

Good afternoon Council Chair Rigby and members of the Howard County Council,

I am Wei Guo, and I am providing this testimony in support of my appointment to the Howard County Commission on Aging. I would like to begin by thanking Howard County Executive Calvin Ball for nominating me for this Commission. The Commission does a lot of important work in providing a voice to our growing older population, and I hope to be able to make valuable contributions to its efforts as a new member.

I moved to Howard County in 1997, and over the years, I been active in the county's Chinese community. Since founding the Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) in 1998, I have been served the school as a teacher, senior member of the Executive Committee, principal, and member of Board of Directors.

I am the current chair of the HCCS Board of Directors. Since my tenure as chair began in July 2015, I have been remained committed to serving the Chinese community and the broader Asian community throughout the county, and I've worked with colleagues to expand HCCS' extraordinary Chinese language and cultural programs for students, regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds.

My efforts have extended beyond only teaching the Chinese language and management responsibilities at HCCS, but also included coordinating programming and services with other communities. I have diligently collaborated with the Korean community in Howard County to organize several Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month events. In addition, I strove to collaborate with the Asian American Doctors Association to serve low-income people and families in Howard County's Chinese community. I also led efforts to have HCCS representatives attend traditional holidays events with older adults at our county senior centers.

During the years that I've been involved with the school and in the community, I have observed that there has been a growing population of people age 55 years or over in Howard County. As a result, their needs for medical care, transportation, cultural programs, and social services are increasing. I am looking forward to the opportunity to help our senior community live healthier, happier lives and age gracefully as a new member of the Commission on Aging.

My past years of experience serving various communities in Howard County, along with my background and profession as an engineer, will allow me to bring a unique perspective to trying to solve the challenges facing seniors today. By serving on this Commission, I wish to bring my prior skills, knowledge, and experiences together to ensure representation for the seniors of Howard County's Asian communities, and I hope to share new ideas for programs and services to help all of our County's seniors live healthier, safer, more independent, and enjoyable lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I will be happy to answer questions.