




Howard County

Internal Memorandum

SUBJECT-- Testimony for Council Resolution correcting two appointments to the Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

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This Resolution corrects two previously approved Resolutions appointing members to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority (EDA). Those Resolutions are Council Resolution No. 56-2019 that appointed William Rovito and Council Resolution No. 95-2022 that appointed Daria J. Willis.

Provisions governing the EDA are adopted by the General Assembly and codified at Title 26, Subtitle 1 of the County Code. Section 26.102 of the County Code provides as follows:

(d) Terms of Office:

- (1) (i) Except for the ex officio nonvoting member, board members shall serve staggered terms of four years, as required by the terms provided for members of the Board of July 1, 1993.
- (ii) At the end of a term, a board member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (2) A board member who is appointed to complete an unexpired term, serves only for the rest of that term or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (3) A member may not be reappointed after having served eight or more consecutive years immediately before appointment.

The appointment of William Rovito extended beyond 4 years and the appointment of Daria Willis did not reflect that she was serving the remainder of a 4-year term. The intent of this legislation is to correct those two appointments. Following passage of this Resolution, Mr. Rovito's term will end on June 3, 2023 but, per Section 26.102(d)(1)(ii), he will serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

Fiscal Impact

This legislation is corrective and there is no fiscal impact.