

Council Resolution 147-2025
Introduced: September 2, 2025
LA: Nick Rinehart

Legislative Intent: This Resolution would approve the appointment of Khadeja Farahmand to the Commission for Women.

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| Who would be replaced by the nominee? | Jessica Nichols |
| Is that person still actively serving? | No |
| If eligible for reappointment, does that person wish to continue to serve? | No, Ms. Nichols declined reappointment. |
| Additional Information | <u>Resume</u> Ms. Farahmand received her J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She currently works for the Law Department of Baltimore City, advising the Police Department on requirements and procedures for PIA requests. |
| Specific qualification requirements | <p>Section 12.701 of the Howard County Code outlines the membership provisions for the Commission for Women. The following subsection details the qualifications to serve on the commission:</p> <p>(c) <i>Qualifications:</i></p> <p>(1) All members shall be residents of Howard County.</p> <p>(2) Members shall be broadly representative of the citizens of Howard County and shall have an active interest in the purposes of the Commission.</p> <p>(3) There may be an ex officio nonvoting member selected by the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission from the current membership of that Commission to serve as liaison between the Human Rights Commission and the Commission for Women.</p> <p>(4) One member shall be a high school student appointed by March 15 of each year to serve a term from July 1 through June 30, except that in 2009 the student member shall be appointed by June 1, 2009.</p> <p>(5) All members, except for the student member, shall serve a three-year term.</p> <p>(6) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.</p> |

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| | <p>(7) The Commission's student member appointee may observe the current student member during the remainder of that student member's term.</p> <p>Ms. Farahmand is a resident of Howard County, thus meeting the criteria highlighted above to serve as a member of the Commission for Women.</p> |
| Current Board Members | <p>(As of 8/26/25)</p> <p>Diana Awed</p> <p>Dr. Homayara Aziz</p> <p>Saundra Barrett</p> <p>Mae A. Beale</p> <p>Dr. Ashley Easley</p> <p>Dr. Dana Edwards</p> <p>Kristen Layman Mahoney</p> <p>Shannon Beasley Taitt</p> |
| Term Expiration | <p>If appointed, Ms. Farahmand's term would expire on October 6, 2028.</p> |