

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 5

RESOLUTION NO. 52 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Diane B. Mikulis to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Introduced and read first time on June 1, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on June 15, 2015.

By order

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __ by the County Council on July 6, 2015.

Certified by

Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

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

Diane Behers Mikulis
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A community leader and education activist with a strong business background and decades of experience working with individuals with disabilities seeking appointment to the Howard County Commission on Disability Issues.

Relevant experience

Special Olympics – Twenty-six years' service in managing events, public relations and coaching. Special Olympics serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through a program of sports training and competition.

- Special Olympics Howard County Executive Management Team – 10 years
- Head of Delegation for a 220-member Team Maryland at 2014 USA Games
- Public and media relations director – 15 years; Volunteer orientation presenter – 15 years
- Event management – 12 years
- Coaching: Alpine skiing -- 10 years, tennis – 7 years
- Coach for Special Olympics World Games in 2013, 2007, 1991 and 1987

Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation – Four seasons teaching skiing to individuals with a variety of physical and developmental disabilities. Two Top is run out of Whitetail Ski Resort and is affiliated with Disabled Sports USA and the Wounded Warrior Project.

- Received certification from Professional Ski Instructors of America in Adaptive Skiing, Level 1
- Taught individuals with developmental disabilities, PTSD, TBI, autism, stroke recovery
- Experience with physical disabilities such as paralysis, limb amputations
- Worked with Wounded Warriors and their families

Professional Background

Board of Education of Howard County – Elected member from 2004 to 2008, served as chairman, vice chairman, particular emphasis on special education

Leadership Howard County – Class of 2008. Currently serving on the General Membership Committee and as chairman of the Social Committee

The Baltimore Sun – Freelance writer from 1999 to 2004. Covered community events, education and real estate.

Northrop Grumman Corporation/Westinghouse Electric Corporation – 1979 to 1996. Worked in marketing, communication and government relations.

Educational Background

Loyola University Maryland – Master of Business Administration, concentration in marketing

University of Pittsburgh – Bachelor of Arts in communication

Community activities

- PTA member and officer for five schools over the past 21 years. Chairman of the after prom party (attended by 600 students) at River Hill High School for the past 4 years.
- Boy Scout Troop 793 – Assistant Scoutmaster and high adventure coordinator/trainer for 7 years.

Personal

- Howard County resident for 30 years, originally from Pittsburgh
- Married for 33 years to Dwight Mikulis, mother of three sons – Adam, age 26, David, age 22 and Patrick, age 17.
- Interests include travel, skiing, hiking, backpacking, cycling, tennis