

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 10

RESOLUTION NO. 127 - 2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Alice Giles to the Commission for Women.

Introduced and read first time on September 8, 2015.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on September 21, 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This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on October 5, 2015.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.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard
2 County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm
3 nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Sections 6.333, and 12.700 through 12.702 of the Howard County Code
5 provide for a Commission for Women in Howard County; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Alice Giles as a
7 member of the Commission for Women; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence
9 in the abilities of the nominee.

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
11 Maryland this 5th day of October, 2015 that the following person is appointed as a
12 member of the Commission for Women to serve from the passage of this Resolution to November 3,
13 2019 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

14 Alice Giles
15 Laurel, MD

ALICE GILES

Information Specialist

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EMPLOYMENT

Technical Specialist – Howard County Public School System 2015

This position entails working for the office of Curriculum and Instruction in order to support Summer School Programs and Academic Intervention, research and prepare materials for new initiatives, and facilitate the transition to a new learning management system.

Editor – Howard County Public School System 2004 – 2014

I have worked as the primary editor for the Howard County Public School System for nearly a decade. Though I edit everything from policy to presentations, my primary focus has been the Department of Instruction, where I work with teams from all curricular areas and grade levels to ensure that materials produced by the department meet the high standards expected of a system of our caliber and facilitate the transition to digital learning by redesigning existing products and creating new templates and guides.

This job requires review of new and existing policy, specifically my interpretations and suggestions regarding language, with upper level administration. I regularly present on our editorial and workflow policies and procedures, and would be present to offer assistance on other policy presentations.

Due to a background heavily versed in local politics, I was often asked for my opinion to ensure that program rollouts or responses were appropriate and addressed the concerns of citizens or elected officials.

Information Specialist and Instructor – Howard County Library System 2009 – 2014

The position of Information Specialist and Instructor requires that I help patrons from a wide variety of backgrounds navigate the sheer volume of information that now exists at their fingertips. At this particular branch, the majority of customer interactions involve searching news and research archives, providing instruction on the use of technology tools, teaching patrons how to evaluate sources on and offline, and connecting them with community resources and experts. Additionally, as a member of the Technology Squad, I beta test new software and hardware, train my colleagues on new devices, and serve as first point of contact for all technology related questions.

Project Assistant – College and Career Readiness Support Project 2007 – 2009

I served as the second lead on an ARRA grant to develop online courses for teachers and students. I was responsible for managing all financials, timelines, reports to the Maryland State to Department of Education, and our 60 person team of staff, contractors, and students. As the project expanded, I led a team in designing and producing MSDE's first app, coordinated several workshops on Universal Design for Learning for teachers and administration, and co-ran a study of the 21st Century learner with design thinking firm, IDEO.

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NONPROFITS

Board Member – League of Women Voters of Howard County 2007 – Present

As Co-President, I lead members and the board in furthering our mission of informing citizens of issues, government process, and candidates. My duties include organizing events, working with elected officials at multiple levels, developing new mechanisms to collect and share information, and identifying and recruiting new leaders. I regularly present both oral and written reports, testimony, and presentations to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds.

This is position in which I have been recognized as a national leader, developing new resources for citizens, testing new communications tools, and designing materials for other local leagues.

Board Member – National Alliance for Mental Illness, Howard County 2013 – Present

I serve on committees focused on public policy, fundraising, and diversity and inclusion, in support of the objective educating the community about mental illness and providing support for the mentally ill and their families. I am deeply involved in the development of new communications strategies, systemic diversity and inclusion training, and new education programs.

EDUCATION

BA – History and English, West Virginia Wesleyan College