

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S AUDIT COMMITTEE

June 24, 2024

Background Information:

The Board of Education's Audit Committee's primary duties and responsibilities as established by the Audit Committee Charter are to serve as an independent and objective party to monitor the district's financial reporting process and review the efforts of the internal and external auditors. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Education in fulfilling its fiduciary oversight responsibilities.

The Audit Committee consists of six members (three members of the Board of Education and three community members). The members are required to be appointed by the Board for staggered three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment for a total of two terms.

The current Audit Committee Members are as follows:

1. Mr. Wade Sewell, Board Member
2. Ms. Lauren Paige Strauss, Board Member
3. Ms. Denise Perry, Board Member
4. Mr. Joseph Lambdin (Second term ending 6/30/2024)
5. Mr. David Hanson (Second term ending 6/30/2025)
6. Ms. Nicole DeJarnette (Second term ending 6/30/2026)

Discussion:

Mr. Lambdin's final term will expire 6/30/2024, leaving a vacant position for a citizen member on the Board of Education's Audit Committee. It is the Board's duty to appoint a new citizen member. In May 2024, after advertisement, the Chief Auditor and the Audit Committee Members reviewed the bio/resume from the interested candidate and is recommending the appointment of Mr. Robert J. Adkins. Mr. Adkins is a Certified Public Accountant and has over 25 years' experience in the profession. Based on this experience, I feel Mr. Adkins would be an asset to the Audit Committee.

Board of Education's Audit Committee Recommendation:

The Board of Education's Audit Committee requests that the Board of Education members appoint Mr. Robert J. Adkins to be a member of the Audit Committee (term ending 6/30/2027).