

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

The (Appointment or Reappointment) of YOJINDE E. PAXTON (EA20-0274)

As a Member \_\_\_\_\_

Of the Commission on Disabilities

For A TERM \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRING December 8, 2020

received by the City Council from the Mayor on May 18, 2020

and referred to the Committee on Executive Appointments on May 18, 2020

Said Committee held hearing on said Appointment on June 17, 2020

The Committee on Executive Appointments on June 17, 2020

having carefully considered said nomination, recommends that the City Council (confirm or refuse to confirm) said nomination.

Robert Stokes / m.m.c.
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As a timely confirmation hearing by the Committee on Executive Appointments was rendered impossible by the occurrence of circumstances unrelated to the merit of the nomination in question, said Committee recommends that the City Council rejects without prejudice the nomination of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

To Her Honor the Mayor  
The City Council of Baltimore has (confirmed or refused to confirm) the above on \_\_\_\_\_, and the vote being: \_\_\_\_\_ aye, \_\_\_\_\_ nay, \_\_\_\_\_ passed.

President

The City Council of Baltimore having received the above mentioned on \_\_\_\_\_, this will advise your Honor that three regular succeeding meetings have been held by said City Council thereafter without either confirming or refusing to confirm said nomination in accordance with Section 6, Article IV, Charter of Baltimore City (1964 Revision).

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
VOTING RECORD**

DATE: 6-17-20

BILL NUMBER: EA 20-0274

BILL TITLE: Yojinde Paxton – Member – Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities

MOTION BY: Schleifer      SECONDED BY: Clarke

FAVORABLE

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

UNFAVORABLE

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Stokes, Robert S., Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer -Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarke, Mary Pat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cohen, Zeke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac "Yitzy"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

CHAIRPERSON: Robert Stokes, Robert Stokes/m.mc

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: m.mc

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



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HEARING NOTES

Bill: EA20-0274

Yojinde Paxton- Member - Mayor's Commission on Disabilities

Committee: Executive Appointments
Chaired By: Councilmember Robert Stokes
Hearing Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Time (Beginning): 10:00 AM
Time (Ending): 10:45 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 20

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Stokes Zeke Cohen
Mary Pat Clarke Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristerfer Burnett

Table with 3 columns: Question, yes, no, n/a. Rows include Bill Synopsis in the file?, Attendance sheet in the file?, Agency reports read?, Video or audio-digitally recorded?, Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?, Evidence of notification to property owners?, Final vote taken at this hearing?, Motioned by: Councilmember Schleifer, Seconded by: Councilmember Clarke, Final Vote: Favorable.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Michael King - Nominee

Major Issues Discussed

- Ms. Paxton is one of three (3) nominees who came before the committee today. She is being nominated to serve as a member of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities.

2. The chairman asked all nominees to talk about their background, interest in the position and about his/her vision for the Commission.
3. Ms. Paxton talked briefly about her background and stated that she is employed by Baltimore City Public Schools.
4. Committee members stated some concerns, asked Ms. Paxton questions and etc. Some highlights from same were:
  - o Question: Do you work for a number of schools or just one school? **Answer: Works for a number of schools**
  - o Question: What do you hope to bring to the Commission? **Answer: Experience in de-escalating problems.**
  - o Question: How will you bring your experience from the school system to the Commission? **Answer: By making sure students' voices are heard and to help get them the resources needed**
  - o Concern/Comment/Question: Now that we are using virtual learning, our students need computers. Are you involved in getting computers for our students with disabilities?
  - o Request: Would like for you to work closing with the community
  - o Concern/Comments: Students with IAP's
    1. Help getting resources/computers
    2. Help getting the services needed
  - o Comment: The importance of de-escalating situations when needed
  - o The Elijah Cummings Act – Trauma Act
    1. Currently working on the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)
    2. Hope that the Commission will serve as a bridge to help people who experience trauma; that bridge between city government and the Commission.
5. Several committee members thanked Ms. Paxton for her willingness to serve on the Commission. Vote taken.

**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?  
If yes, describe.**

Yes  No

**Committee Vote:**

R. Stokes:..... **Yea**  
 K. Burnett: ..... **Yea**  
 M. Clarke:..... **Yea**  
 I. Schleifer: ..... **Yea**  
 Z. Cohen: ..... **Yea**

*Marguerite M. Currin*

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: June 17, 2020

cc: Bill File  
OCS Chrono File

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Executive Appointments Committee

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Wednesday, June 17, 2020

10:00 AM Virtual Hearing: Phone: +1-408-418-9388, Access code: 129  
466 9741, Password: Public,  
[https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebbcf3ee15e87c60a5188e8a2c364b2db)  
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EA20-0271, EA20-0272, EA20-0274  
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#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Member Robert Stokes Sr., Member Kristerfer Burnett, Member Zeke Cohen,  
Member Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Member Mary Pat Clarke

EA20-0271 **David A. Greenberg**  
Member - Commission on Disabilities - District 5

A motion was made by Member "Yitzy" Schleifer, seconded by Member Clarke,  
that Executive Nomination EA20-0271 be recommended favorably. The motion  
carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Stokes Sr., Member Burnett, Member Cohen, Member "Yitzy" Schleifer,  
and Member Clarke

EA20-0272 **Michael King**  
Member - Commission on Disabilities - District 2

A motion was made by Member Clarke, seconded by Member Burnett, that  
Executive Nomination EA20-0272 be recommended favorably. The motion carried  
by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Stokes Sr., Member Burnett, Member Cohen, Member "Yitzy" Schleifer,  
and Member Clarke

EA20-0274 **Yojinde E. Paxton**  
Member - Commission on Disabilities - District 12

A motion was made by Member "Yitzy" Schleifer, seconded by Member Clarke,  
that Executive Nomination EA20-0274 be recommended favorably. The motion  
carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Stokes Sr., Member Burnett, Member Cohen, Member "Yitzy" Schleifer,  
and Member Clarke

**ADJOURNMENT**

