

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND EDUCATION PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF THE CALVERT
COUNTY BLUEPRINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Kirwan Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education was a multi-year initiative to research and develop major funding and policy reforms intended to improve the quality of Maryland's public education system;

WHEREAS, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Act (House Bill 1300, 2020 Session of the Maryland General Assembly) was recognized by most as implementing the full recommendations of the Kirwan Commission;

WHEREAS, ultimately, State legislation, referred to as the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (the "Blueprint"), passed that has implications for the future of public education and requires certain local actions;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Maryland is appointing an Accountability and Implementation Board ("AIB") as an independent unit of State government designed to hold other units of government accountable for implementing the Blueprint and evaluating the outcomes of the Blueprint during the implementation period;

WHEREAS, the AIB must develop and adopt a Comprehensive Implementation Plan to implement the Blueprint by February 15, 2022;

WHEREAS, each unit of government responsible for implementing portions of the Blueprint is required to adopt its own implementation plan and submit it to the AIB by June 15, 2022, which must be consistent with the Comprehensive Implementation Plan, and must be approved by the AIB;

WHEREAS, beginning in fiscal year 2023, 25% of the increase in the State share of major education aid over the amount provided in the current fiscal year shall be automatically withheld from a local school system for the next fiscal year unless the AIB finds that the local school system: (1) has developed an initial implementation plan; and (2) has received approval for its initial implementation plan and for any subsequent modifications;

WHEREAS, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the AIB must withhold State funds unless it receives recommendations for the release of funds, and determines that the Calvert County school system has made sufficient progress on an implementation plan, or taken appropriate steps to improve student performance;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland (hereinafter, the "Board of County Commissioners") and Board of Education are to appoint a local Implementation Coordinator by Ch. 55 Laws of Maryland 2021 (the "Blueprint for Maryland's Future") for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education value citizen input and participation in the creation of the local implementation plan and, thereafter, performance of that local plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education desire to: (1) designate a local Implementation Coordinator; and (2) establish the Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Committee to inform the creation of the local Blueprint Implementation Plan, and

its subsequent modification, as may be necessary to meet and exceed the objectives of the Blueprint and its Comprehensive Implementation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education that: (1) Kevin Michael shall be the Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Coordinator; and (2) there shall be a Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Committee with the following:

1. Authority.

- A. The Board of County Commissioners and Calvert County Board of Education hereby establishes the Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Committee and vests authority within that Committee to:
 - 1. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education on programs, polices, and initiatives to be included in the local Blueprint Implementation Plan;
 - 2. Actively pursue input from the community on programs, polices, and initiatives that should be included in the local Blueprint Implementation Plan; and
 - 3. Provide assistance, guidance, and information to the public and the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education regarding progress towards attaining and exceeding the objectives of the Blueprint; and
 - 4. Make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education regarding changes to the local Blueprint Implementation Plan that could enhance the progress towards attaining and exceeding the objectives of the Blueprint.
- B. The Committee shall have no authority to supervise or direct County or Board of Education staff other than its liaison, the Special Projects Coordinator within the County Administrator's Office.
- C. The Committee shall have no authority to hire its own employees or independent contractors.

2. Membership.

- A. The Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education jointly appoint the County Administrator and the Calvert County Blueprint Implementation Coordinator as co-chairs of the Committee;
- B. The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint two (2) citizens that are residents of Calvert County to the Committee;
- C. The Calvert County Board of Education shall appoint two (2) citizens that are residents of Calvert County to the Committee;
- D. The Calvert Education Association shall appoint two (2) citizens that are residents of Calvert County to the Committee;
- E. The Calvert Association of Educational Support Staff shall appoint one (1) citizen that is a resident of Calvert County to the Committee.
- F. Other than the Co-Chairs, members shall be appointed for 3-years terms and no Committee member shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive full terms.

3. Officers.

- A. Duties and Responsibilities of the Co-Chair include the coordinated and equitable:
1. Provision of leadership to the Committee in carrying out its purposes;
 2. Service as the official voice/spokesperson for the Committee;
 3. Development of agendas and presiding over Committee meetings;
 4. Signing documents approved by a majority of the Committee that require the signature of a Committee official;
 5. Put motions to a vote and announce the results of the vote; and
 6. Present a report not less than annually to the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education to document the progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the Blueprint and any recommendations for modification of the local Implementation Plan, whether supported by a majority of the Committee or not.
- 4. Compensation.** Members shall serve without compensation.
- 5. Resignation.** Any member of the Committee may resign at any time by providing written notice to her/his/their appointing authority, with a copy to the Co-Chairs of the Committee.
- 6. Removal.**
- A. Any member may be removed for missing three (3), or more, scheduled meetings in any twelve (12) month period. The appointing authority for such a member shall remove and replace such a member.
- 7. Rules and Support**
- A. Committee members shall abide by and fully comply with the Calvert County Code of Ethics, as amended from time to time.
- B. No Committee member shall cast a vote on any matter where a conflict of interest exists.
- C. In any instance where the determination of a conflict of interest is uncertain, the Committee may request a determination of conflict of interest from the Calvert County Ethics Commission.
- D. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.
- E. The Calvert County Administrator shall provide support personnel as may be required by the Committee. The Calvert County Attorney's Office shall provide legal support to the Committee.
- F. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide such meeting space, supplies, and equipment as may be required by the Committee to perform its duties.
- G. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- H. There shall be one vote per Committee member. The Co-Chairs may vote on any item before the Committee, unless precluded by operation of the Calvert County Code of Ethics, provided that their vote(s) shall not create a tie.
- I. A tie vote for and against a motion means that a motion fails.
- 8. Meetings**

- A. Meetings of the Committee shall be held monthly unless otherwise decided by the Committee.
- B. Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
- C. The regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at a place, on dates and at times decided by the County Administrator.
- D. The Committee may meet in special meetings at the call of a Chair, or at the request of two-thirds of the Committee members.
- E. Matters considered at a Special Meeting are limited to the purpose and agenda contained in the notice of the meeting.
- F. Adequate notice of all Special Meetings will be provided to all Committee members.
- G. All meetings are open to the public, except that the Committee may meet in closed session or adjourn an open session to meet in a closed session in accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code, *General Provisions Article*, § 3-305, as amended from time to time.
- H. Any meeting of the Committee may be conducted by telephone conference call provided that Committee members and the public are given at least three-day notice prior to the meeting and a full duplex telephone system is used with provision for a location where the public who may wish to observe the meeting may listen to the entirety of the meeting as it is occurring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education that, in the event any portion of this Resolution is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, it is the intent of the signatories to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Resolution shall be enforceable and valid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education that this Resolution shall be effective upon recordation without publication of a fair summary.

DONE, this 5th day of October, 2021 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland and the Calvert County Board of Education.

Aye: 5
 Nay: 0
 Absent/Abstain: 0

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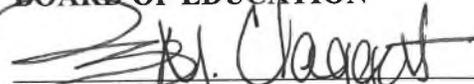
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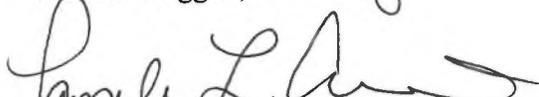

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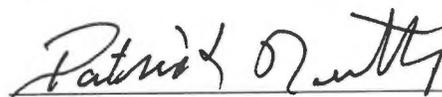

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