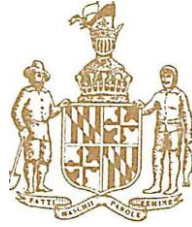


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## BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee Announces Nominees

**March 31, 2023** – The Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee (AIBNC) is required to submit at least two nominees to the Governor to fill a vacancy on the Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB). The AIB is tasked with overseeing implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future legislation. On February 10, 2023, AIBNC released the application publicly, along with information on the process to apply for consideration to serve on AIB. The announcement was shared through the 1,000 plus AIB listerv, posted on the AIBNC website, the Maryland General Assembly website, and by email to all the members of the General Assembly (<http://dls.maryland.gov/policy-areas/aib-nominating-committee>).

A total of 45 valid applications were submitted by the February 24 deadline. The majority of applicants applied for the first time (32). Most of the applicants reside in Baltimore City (11) and Prince George's County (9), with other applicants living in Montgomery County (7), Anne Arundel County (4), Howard County (4), Baltimore County (2), Frederick County (2), and (1) each from Allegany, Carroll, Charles, Queen Anne, and Washington counties. Slightly more than half of the applicants were female (25). A slight majority were white (20); the remaining applicants identified their race as Black (18), Asian (3), Hispanic (3), and Afro-Latino (1).

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act, AIBNC held two meetings in February and March and voted for the nominees in open session. To be selected by AIBNC, an applicant must receive at least four favorable votes with at least one favorable vote cast by one of the two appointees of the Governor, Senate President, and House Speaker. The nominee selected by the Governor shall serve for the remainder of the term of the vacating member, ending on June 30, 2024.

**The following nominees were unanimously selected by the Nominating Committee.**

#### Accountability and Implementation Board Nominees (in alphabetical order)

| <u>Nominee</u>   | <u>County of Residence</u> | <u>Race</u> | <u>Gender</u> | <u>Areas of Expertise*</u> |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                  |                            |             |               | <u>1</u>                   | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Gardner, Jan     | Frederick                  | White       | Female        |                            |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Robinson, Justin | Prince George's            | Black       | Male          |                            |          |          |          |          |          |          |

\*(1) early education through secondary policy; (2) post-secondary education policy; (3) teaching in public schools; (4) strategies used by top-performing state and national education systems in the world; (5) leading and implementing systemic change in complex organizations; (6) financial auditing and accounting; (7) other.

The AIB must, to the extent practicable for a seven-member board, reflect the geographic, racial, and gender diversity of the State, as well as collectively reflect the six areas of expertise specified in the law. The AIBNC considered these factors and the individual qualities of each applicant when choosing the nominees from the applicant pool. Brief biographical information is provided for each nominee below.

To fill a vacancy on the AIB, the Governor must select one individual to appoint to AIB from among AIBNC's two nominees within 30 days of receiving the slate.

**Jan H. Gardner**, served in elected in office in Frederick County for 20 years, including 8 years as County Executive and 12 years as a county commissioner. During her tenure leading Frederick County government, she implemented the county's transition to a Charter Government and established the vision and direction for the county to deliver outstanding public schools, safe communities, and a thriving economy. She was a member of three statewide school construction commissions, including the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Facilities Commission. Ms. Gardner has gained knowledge of budget, financing, and auditing through her service on various government boards and commissions in Frederick and Washington counties and other regional bodies, including serving as past president of the Maryland Association of Counties and the Washington Council of Governments.

**Justin K. Robinson** is a 12-year educator in the Prince George's County Public Schools and is certified to teach secondary mathematics, social studies, English Language Arts, and science and to serve as a school administrator. He earned National Board Certification in Early Adolescence Mathematics in 2017 and is a doctoral candidate at the Johns Hopkins University researching teacher attrition. A board member of the Prince George's County Education Association, he collaborates with district administration to implement the education career ladder and serves on the contract negotiation team. He has a bachelor's degree from Harvard University and is a member of the Prince George's County Blueprint Implementation Committee and Career Ladder Development Team.