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**BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE
ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**Accountability and Implementation Board Nominating Committee
Announces Nominees**

June 12, 2024 – 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). Existing members of the AIB may be renominated for reappointment. The AIB is tasked with overseeing implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future legislation. On May 3, 2024, 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 listserv, 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 39 valid applications were submitted by the extended May 24 deadline. Most of the applicants reside in Montgomery County (10) and Baltimore City (8), with other applicants living in Anne Arundel County (6), Prince George’s County (6), Howard County (2), Baltimore County (2), and (1) each from Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Queen Anne, and St. Mary’s counties. Slightly more than half of the applicants were female (21). A slight majority were White (18); the remaining applicants identified their race as Black (15), Hispanic (3), Asian (2), and Afro-Latino (1).

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act, AIBNC held two meetings in May and June 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. Each nominee selected by the Governor shall serve for a term of six years, ending on June 30, 2030.

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>		
Kirwan, William	Montgomery County	White	Male									
Lynch, Jennifer	Baltimore County	White	Female									
Morin, Donald	Garrett County	White	Male									
Quick-McQueen, Contina	St. Mary’s County	Black	Female									
Robinson, Justin	Prince George’s	Black	Male									
Seelke, John	Montgomery County	Hispanic	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. 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 the three vacancies on the AIB, the Governor must select the individuals to appoint to AIB from among AIBNC's slate of nominees within 30 days of receiving the slate.

William E. "Brit" Kirwan, Ph.D. (*nomination for reappointment*) has served for three years as Vice Chair of the Accountability and Implementation Board. He served as Chancellor of the University System of Maryland from 2002 through 2015, the culmination of a 50-year career in higher education and public service that included university president of University of Maryland, College Park and The Ohio State University. He is currently a Regents Professor in Mathematics and Executive Director of Transforming Post-secondary Education in Mathematics. He was appointed by Governor Hogan and the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly to serve as chair of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, which over its three-year tenure developed the policy and funding recommendations that form the basis of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Jennifer M. Lynch, Ph.D. (*nomination for reappointment*) has been a member of the Accountability and Implementation Board since 2021. She worked in the Baltimore County Public Schools for 15 years, beginning as a school psychologist, then an assistant principal, and finally principal of an elementary school for five years. She was a Principal of the Year Nominee in 2018 and 2019 and her school was named one of the 2019 top-performing schools on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers standardized tests in the Baltimore region by the *Baltimore Sun*. As principal, she implemented programs to extend services to families who are underserved and became a system level principal leader in the Peer Assistance Review Program. She is currently Director of Educational Partnerships for the Baltimore County Executive.

Donald Morin has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Garrett County community through his longstanding service on Garrett College Board of Trustees, beginning in 2005 to his current position as chair, and his nearly 30-year ownership of Garret Container Systems, Inc. In these roles, he developed an expertise in financial analysis, budgeting, data analysis, and forecasting. As an employer, he provided internships and employed students from Garrett County public schools and participated in the Work Ethics Diploma program; a program that encourages development of the student's social skills, leadership, and accountability.

Contina Quick-McQueen, Ph.D., has 29 years of experience in public elementary and secondary education in St. Mary's County, including as a principal of Great Mills High School, Leonardtown Elementary School, and Greenview Elementary School and, currently, as Supervisor of Instruction, College and Career Readiness for St. Mary's Public Schools. She is a National Board Certified teacher and reading specialist and earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and

Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park Campus in 2016. She has served as a member of an Expert Review Team since 2022.

Justin K. Robinson (*nomination for reappointment*) was appointed to the Accountability and Implementation Board in 2023. He 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.

John Seelke, Ph.D., has two decades of experience as a secondary and university level mathematics educator in Maryland and Washington, D.C, including extensive work with mathematics assessments. He earned his Doctorate in Education, Policy and Leadership at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus in 2018. He is currently serving as the chair of the Accountability and Implementation Board Pillar 2 Advisory Board (High Quality and Diverse Teachers and Leaders). Mr. Seelke is a two-time Fulbright Specialist Award winner and participated in the prestigious international exchange program in Asuncion, Paraguay in 2019 and Mexico City, Mexico in 2022.