



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chairs: Penrose Hollins, Fourth District
George Smiley, Seventh District

January 14, 2025
2:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

A. Meeting Call to Order/Roll Call

B. Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 10/08/2024

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R25-014: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLEON L. CAULEY, SR., ESQ.
FOR THE POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley

R25-015: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JILL FLOORE TO THE POSITION
OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley

R25-016: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AARON GOLDSTEIN TO THE
POSITION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley

R25-017: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN JAMES J. LEONARD, III
TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE
Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley

R25-018: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ELMER M. SETTING TO THE
POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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D. Other

Consideration and Confirmation of Executive General Managers introduced by Penrose Hollins, President Pro Tem:

Cleon Cauley, Public Works General Manager
Jill Floore, Chief Finance Officer
Aaron Goldstein, County Attorney
Capt. James Leonard, Chief of Police

Elmer Setting, Public Safety Director

Consideration and Appointment of Legislative Committee Co-chairs introduced by Monique Williams-Johns, President

District 12 Legislative Assistant appointment introduced by Councilman Caneco

E. Public Comment

F. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: JANUARY 07, 2025

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Requested By: Executive Office
Date of introduction: January 14, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 25-014

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLEON L. CAULEY, SR., ESQ. FOR
THE POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to New Castle County Code Section 2.05.301, the
2 Department of Public Works is managed by a General Manager who shall be qualified for
3 the position by education, experience, and training; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has nominated Cleon L. Cauley, Sr., Esq., to
6 serve as the General Manager of the Department of Public Works; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Cauley brings over two decades of diverse leadership experience
9 in public administration, legal practice, and organizational transformation, making him
10 exceptionally qualified to lead the Department of Public Works; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Cauley has held key public service positions, including Chief of
13 Staff and Commissioner of Public Works for the City of Wilmington, and Deputy and
14 Acting Secretary of Delaware's Department of Transportation; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has reviewed and given due
17 consideration to the qualifications and accomplishments of Cleon L. Cauley, Sr., Esq., for
18 the appointment to General Manager of the Department of Public Works.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the County Executive's
22 appointment of Cleon L. Cauley, Sr., Esq., to the position of General Manager of the
23 Department of Public Works.

Adopted by County Council of
New Castle County on:

Monique Williams-Johns
President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title

FISCAL NOTE: There will be no discernible fiscal impact up on the adoption of this resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-015

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JILL FLOORE
TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to 9 Del. C. § 1120, the County Executive, with the advice
2 and consent of New Castle County Council, shall appoint the Chief Financial Officer, who
3 shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has submitted for the advice and consent of
6 County Council the appointment of Jill Floore to the position of Chief Financial Officer;
7 and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Jill Floore brings over two decades of experience in finance and public
10 administration, including leadership roles as Chief Financial Officer for both the
11 Brandywine School District and the Red Clay Consolidated School District, where she
12 managed significant operating budgets and funding initiatives; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Floore's extensive background includes expertise in financial
15 oversight, strategic planning, and ensuring fiscal responsibility, which align with the needs
16 and goals of the Office of Finance and the residents of New Castle County; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has considered the qualifications of Jill
19 Floore and finds her well-suited for the position of Chief Financial Officer.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
22 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Jill Floore to
23 the position of Chief Financial Officer.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-016

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AARON GOLDSTEIN
TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County
2 Council, shall appoint the County Attorney, who shall serve at the pleasure of the County
3 Executive; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has nominated Aaron Goldstein, Esq., for
6 appointment to the position of County Attorney for New Castle County; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Aaron Goldstein, Esq. brings over two decades of legal expertise,
9 including his role as Chief Staff Attorney for the Delaware Court of Chancery, where he
10 advised on legal matters, legislation, and court-wide initiatives, as well as various
11 leadership roles at the Delaware Department of Justice, where he served as Chief Deputy
12 Attorney General, Chief Legal Ethics Officer, and State Solicitor; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has given due consideration to the
15 qualifications and professional accomplishments of Aaron Goldstein, Esq., and finds him
16 well-suited to serve as County Attorney and lead the Department of Law in providing high-
17 quality legal services to the County.
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
20 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the appointment of Aaron
21 Goldstein, Esq., to the position of County Attorney for New Castle County.

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President of County Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-017

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN JAMES J. LEONARD, III
TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE**

1 **WHEREAS**, *New Castle County Code* Section 26.01.002.C.6 provides that the
2 County Executive, with the advice and consent of New Castle County Council, shall
3 appoint a Chief of Police; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has nominated Captain James J. Leonard, III
6 to serve as Chief of Police for the New Castle County Police Department; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Captain Leonard is a 23-year veteran of the New Castle County Police
9 Department, rising through the ranks from Patrol Officer to Captain, and most recently
10 serving as the Technology and Special Projects Section Commander; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Captain Leonard has demonstrated exemplary
13 leadership in overseeing operations, managing the Division's budget and legislative
14 agenda, and fostering transparency and accountability through public messaging as the
15 Public Information Officer; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has given due consideration to the
18 qualifications and extensive experience of Captain James J. Leonard, III for the position
19 of Chief of Police.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
22 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the County Executive's
23 appointment of Captain James J. Leonard, III to the position of Chief of Police for the New
24 Castle County Police Department.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-018

**CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ELMER M. SETTING
TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive, with the advice and consent of the County
2 Council, shall appoint the Director of Public Safety, who shall serve at the pleasure of the
3 County Executive; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has nominated Retired Colonel Elmer M.
6 Setting to be appointed as the Director of Public Safety; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Retired Colonel Setting brings over 27 years of distinguished
9 experience in law enforcement and public service, including serving as Chief of Police for
10 New Castle County from 2012 to 2016; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Retired Colonel Setting has held key public service positions,
13 including Chief of Staff for the Delaware Department of Justice and Delaware State
14 Deputy of Security and Facilities for the Judiciary of Delaware; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, New Castle County Council has given due consideration to the
17 qualifications and achievements of Retired Colonel Elmer M. Setting for the appointment
18 to Director of Public Safety.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by and for the County Council of New
21 Castle County that County Council hereby consents to the County Executive's
22 appointment of Retired Colonel Elmer M. Setting to the position of Director of Public
23 Safety.

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