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Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability and Implementation Board Announces New Members for Advisory Committees

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability and Implementation Board (AIB) is pleased to announce new appointments to five vacant seats on the advisory committees. The AIB seeks to involve stakeholders and members of the public from diverse geographic, economic, racial, ethnic, and gender backgrounds who represent various life experiences and viewpoints and have expertise related to areas within each pillar of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future to serve on the five advisory committees.

Board member Joseph Manko chaired a subcommittee of the AIB, including Member Jennifer Lynch and Member Justin Robinson, that reviewed 28 applications and supporting materials submitted by the June 20, 2025 deadline. "The process of reviewing all applicant information is always exciting as so many highly qualified candidates are available and interested in serving on an Advisory Committee," said Dr. Manko. "The members who are joining this year bring unique and diverse backgrounds, expertise, and perspectives to the committees."

A total of 5 individuals (2 members and 3 students) were selected to fill vacant spots on the Pillars 1, 3 and 5 Advisory Committees.

| Name & Pillar | County of Residence | Primary Role | |
|--|---------------------|---|--|
| Owen Hughes Pillar 1 | Carroll | High School Student | |
| Jack Wilson Pillar 3 | Queen Anne's | Chair of Queen Anne's County Commissioners | |
| Dr. Edmund Mitzel, Jr. <i>Pillar 4</i> | Carroll | Educational Consultant Former teacher, principal | |
| Gavin Falcón Pillar 5 | Anne Arundel | High School Student | |
| Vanessa Li | St. Mary's | High School Student | |

The AIB advisory committees will continue to meet on at least a quarterly basis. Advisory committee meetings are live streamed for the public and meeting information can be found on the AIB website.

With the addition of these members, the table below shows the membership of the five advisory committees based on their home residence location by region in the State.

| Makeup of 2025 Applicants (total = 28) | Region | Representation Across All Advisory Committees (total = 36) |
|--|----------------|---|
| 9 | Baltimore Area | 7 |
| 8 | Central | 9 |
| 2 | Eastern | 6 |
| 4 | Northern | 4 |
| 1 | Mont. Co. | 4 |
| 2 | PG Co. | 2 |
| 2 | Southern | 3 |
| 0 | Western | 1 |

The identified regions include: **Baltimore Area**: Baltimore City, Baltimore County; **Central**: Anne Arundel, Frederick, Howard; **Eastern**: Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester; **Montgomery**; **Northern**: Carroll, Cecil, Harford; **Prince George's**; **Southern**: Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's; and **Western**: Allegany, Garrett, Washington

Advisory committee members have two-year terms. The duration of student member terms are one year with the opportunity to extend for an additional year.

The AIB wishes to thank the advisory committee members who have recently concluded their terms for their time and service: Sakshi Tirodkar (Pillar 1), Olivia Pearson (Pillar 3), Kara Burhans (Pillar 4), Jordan Hayes (Pillar 5) and William Ramirez (Pillar 5).

AIB would like to express its sincere appreciation to all applicants for their interest in serving on an advisory committee and for their support of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

For more information on the AIB and the Blueprint for Maryland's Future implementation, please visit the AIB website.

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