

AGENDA ITEM #3B  
March 16, 2010

Appointments

MEMORANDUM

March 11, 2010

TO: County Council  
FROM: Justina J. Ferber, Legislative Analyst  
SUBJECT: Appointments – Animal Matters Hearing Board

The County Executive's appointments to the Animal Matters Hearing Board are before the Council for confirmation.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Isiah Leggett  
County Executive

## APPOINTMENT

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED TO ME UNDER SECTION 215 OF THE CHARTER OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, I HEREBY APPOINT

**Type of Position: MC Humane Society - Alternate**

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Brookeville 1/31/2012  
(Replaces Robert Henne's unexpired term--  
Partial Term)

**Type of Position: Public**

Allan Cohen  
Potomac 1/31/2013  
(Reappointment--First Full Term)

**Type of Position: Public**

Marlene Schooler  
Bethesda 1/31/2013  
(Reappointment--Replaces Edward Sakala's  
expired term--Move from Alternate position to  
Primary--First Full Term)

**Type of Position: Public (Alternate-Cohen)**

Dawn Forsythe  
Silver Spring 1/31/2013  
(Replaces Soraya Grieser's expired term--First  
Term)

**Type of Position: Public (Alternate-Schooler)**

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(Reappointment--First Full Term)

TO SERVE AS members of the Animal Matters Hearing Board

THIS APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE  
COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

ISIAH LEGGETT  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 3, 2010

DATE

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Resolution No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** County Executive's Appointments to the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Executive's appointments to the Animal Matters Hearing Board are confirmed.

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This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

## ANIMAL MATTERS HEARING BOARD

- Created -- Montgomery County Code Section 5-104.
- Purpose -- Decide on complaints and appeals under this Chapter, including complaints alleging a violation of an animal control shelter adoption contracts; recommend standards to maintain regulated facilities; review the annual proposed budget for the animal control shelter to the Executive and the Council; and report annually to the Executive and Council on the Board's activities and any recommendations for improving animal control laws, regulations, and programs.
- Membership -- 5 members and one alternate for each member: (a) a representative of licensed animal fanciers; (b) a representative of the Montgomery County Humane Society; (c) three public members. The term for each alternate is the same as that for the primary member. The alternate may vote in place of the member when the member is absent.
- Financial Disclosure -- Confidential disclosure required.
- Terms -- Three year terms - no compensation.
- Meetings -- Weekly hearings usually on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Service Training Academy in Rockville  
Nadine Varella 240-773-5932, Deputy Director Paul Hibler 240-773-5929

MEMBERSHIP

Type of Position: **Animal Fancier - Primary**  
**Mr. Alfred Ferruggiario**, Burtonsville  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 5/5/2009 End Date: 1/31/2012  
Second Term - Move from Alternate position to Primary  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **Animal Fancier (Alternate-Ferruggiario)**  
**Ms. Robin Siegel**, Silver Spring  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 10/20/2009 End Date: 1/31/2012  
First Term - Replaces Valerie Braden's expired term  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **MC Humane Society - Primary**  
**Mr. Arnold Tunis**, Rockville  
Affiliation: MC Humane Society  
Start Date: 2/24/2009 End Date: 1/31/2012  
First Term - Replaces John Christopher Crist's expired term  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **MC Humane Society (Alternate-Tunis)**  
**Mr. Robert Henne**, Kensington **RESIGNED 9/2009**  
Affiliation: MC Humane Society  
Start Date: 2/24/2009 End Date: 1/30/2012  
First Term - Replaces Cheryl Markey's expired term  
**STATUS: Vacant**

Type of Position: **Public - Primary Chair**  
**Mr. Allan Cohen**, Potomac  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 5/5/2009 End Date: 1/31/2010  
Partial Term - Replaces Nina Valentin-Thomas' unexpired term  
**STATUS: Active**

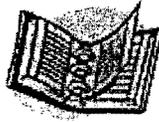
Type of Position: **Public - Primary**  
**Mr. Edward Sakala**, Rockville  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 5/8/2007 End Date: 1/31/2010  
Second Term - Reappointment  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **Public - Primary Co/VC**  
**Mr. Joseph Vallina**, Silver Spring  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 7/8/2008 End Date: 1/31/2011  
First Full Term - Reappointment  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **Public (Alternate-Cohen)**  
**Ms. Soraya Grieser**, Silver Spring  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 7/3/2007 End Date: 1/31/2010  
First Term - Replaces Debbie Kirkland's expired term  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **Public (Alternate-Sakala)**  
**Ms. Lynn Novelli**, Gaithersburg  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 10/20/2009 End Date: 1/31/2010  
Partial Term - Replaces Susan Cameron's unexpired term  
**STATUS: Active**

Type of Position: **Public (Alternate-Vallina)**  
**Ms. Marlene Schooler**, Bethesda  
Affiliation: None  
Start Date: 7/8/2008 End Date: 1/31/2011  
First Term - Replaces Eric Udler's expired term  
**STATUS: Active**

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### Vacancy Announcements

**Release ID:** 09-138

**Media Contact:** Beth Gochrach, 240.777.2528

**For Immediate Release:** 11/6/2009

**Application Deadline:** 11/30/2009

### Leggett Seeks Applicants for Animal Matters Hearing Board

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill four vacancies on the Animal Matters Hearing Board for the following positions: two public primary and two public alternate positions. Three incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Animal Matters Hearing Board holds hearings to address complaints regarding animal-related nuisances and issues any orders necessary for abatement, is responsible for hearing and determining appeals regarding licenses that have been denied or revoked by the Department of Police, Division of Animal Control and Humane Treatment, and makes recommendations concerning the operation of animal control facilities in the County.

There are five members and one alternate for each member in the following categories: one representative of the Humane Society, three public members, and one licensed animal fancier.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, and attend an average of two to four meetings per month in the evenings to conduct hearings. **Members are required to file a confidential financial disclosure statement within 15 days of Council confirmation and each annual period thereafter.**

Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. An application, consisting of a **brief cover letter and resume**, should be sent by mail to County Executive Isiah Leggett, 101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to [countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov). Home and employment addresses, as well as contact phone numbers and email addresses should be included. If appropriate, applicants should indicate the position for which they are applying. The deadline for application is **November 30**.

Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of this Board are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

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