

# AGENCY SUMMARY

## THE OFFICE OF ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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### Leadership

- **Todd Turner**, Executive Director
- **Melanie Barr-Brooks**, Chair- Board of Ethics

### Core Services

- Administer public ethic laws
- Provide ethics training and advice to County employees
- Review financial disclosure and lobbying records
- Investigate alleged ethical violations and allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts
- Provide administrative support to the County's Board of Ethics
- Provide analysis, reporting, and recommendations to Executive and Legislative branches

### Organizational Structure

The Office consists of the Director, and six full-time support staff, including one attorney, one investigator, and a compliance specialist. The Office supports the Board of Ethics, which has five members, including the Chair.

### FY 2026 Top Priorities

- Continue to maintain the County's electronic filing/case management system that allows Prince Georgians, County government employees and elected/appointed officials 24/7/365 access to online filing of complaints, required financial disclosure statements and lobbyist registrations/annual reports. Efficiently investigated all complaints in accordance with applicable laws to ensure timely responses, analysis, reporting and recommendations to management.

### BACKGROUND

Prince George's County created the Office of Ethics & Accountability ("OEA") in 2012 to provide increased accountability and oversight of operations of the County Government and in response to several public corruption incidents. OEA provides ethics advice, conducts training, provides public outreach/education, and investigates alleged complaints involving ethics violations and fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts (FWAI) by non-law enforcement County officials/employees, companies doing business with the County, or involving County services. In addition, OEA supports the County Board of Ethics, a five member appointed citizen body, in exercising authorities granted to it under the Prince George's County Code of Ethics to promote the public's trust in County Government, including ensuring the reporting of financial disclosure by County elected members, officials, and employees, requiring lobbyists to register and report applicable lobbying activities, reviewing secondary employment requests and in final determinations and enforcement in ethics violation cases.

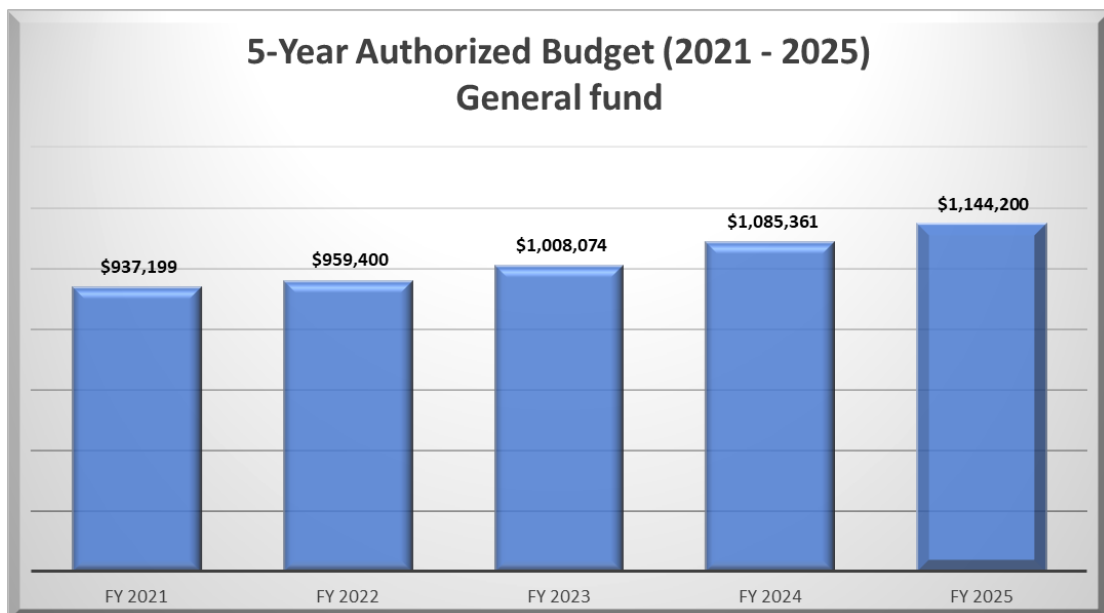
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- Initiate operation reviews to improve the efficiency of day-to-day governmental operations. Operation reviews provide management with an opportunity for feedback via recommendations and a goal to determine whether the internal controls are effective.
  
- Provide appropriate stakeholder and community communications and outreach to understand the mission and function of OEA and the Board of Ethics.

**Budgetary Resources** - Below is the 5-year overview of resources allocated to OEA from FY 2021-25.



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