

M-NCPPC Resolution No. 22-25

**RESOLUTION**

**APPOINTMENT OF DEBRA S. BORDEN AS  
ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, effective April 17, 2000, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (the “**Commission**”) previously appointed Adrian Robert Gardner as its General Counsel pursuant to the Laws of Maryland codified now at Section 15-109 of the Maryland Land Use Article; and

WHEREAS, effective January 23, 2022 (the “**Leave Date**”), General Counsel Gardner took leave from his office on a part-time basis for family medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, General Counsel Gardner has tendered his written intention to retire from Commission service effective as of September 1, 2022 (the “**Vacancy Date**”); and

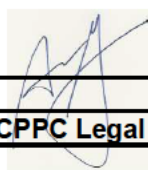
WHEREAS, from and after the Leave Date and continuing through the date of this resolution, Debra S. Borden has ably served as the agency’s Acting General Counsel under and pursuant to General Counsel Gardner’s written delegation of authority dated as of January 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to memorialize and provide for an orderly transition of responsibilities during the interim period beginning on the Leave Date and extending until such time as Gardner’s successor in office is appointed, including but not necessarily limited to, such responsibilities relating to the anticipated issuance of Commission bonds during such an interim period; and

WHEREAS, Debra S. Borden has registered her willingness to serve as the Acting General Counsel effective as of the Vacancy Date and continuing throughout such an interim period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby shall, and hereby does, ratify and adopt the appointment of Debra S. Borden as Acting General Counsel of the Commission until such time as Gardner’s successor in office shall be chosen, expressly intending thereby that Borden shall be vested with all customary, necessary and appropriate authority of that public office during such period, including, without limitation, the authority to execute documents deemed appropriate in her professional judgment to effectuate an issuance of Commission bonds or other corporate transactions; and

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

  
M-NCPPC Legal Department

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall, and hereby does, accept General Counsel's election to separate from Commission employment and retire effective as of the Vacancy Date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director and other officers and agents of the Commission shall be further authorized to execute such documents and further assurances, as they may reasonably deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 22-25 adopted by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission on motion of Commissioner Geraldo, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, with Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Shapiro, Commissioners Bailey, Cichy, Doerner, Geraldo, Patterson, Rubin and Verma voting in favor of the motion, with Commissioner Washington being absent for the vote, at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 via video-conference, and broadcast by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County.

  
Asuntha Chiang-Smith Executive Director