

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT,  
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**Mayor Scott's 2023 Appointments to the Casino Local Development Council (LDC)**

Role/Affiliation	Name Last	Name First	Sector	Title/Affiliation
Senator -- 46th District	Ferguson	Bill	N/A	Senate President
Delegate -- 46th District	Clippinger	Luke	N/A	Delegate
Delegate -- 40th District	Wells	Melissa	N/A	Delegate
Casino Representative	Conroy	Randy	N/A	General Manager
Resident 1	Alston	James	South	Westport Neighborhood Assoc.
Resident 2	Brennan	Sandra	West	Citizens of Pigtown Community Assoc.
Resident 3	Jackson-Jobe	Peggy	South	Cherry Hill Community Coalition
Resident 4	Murphy	Michael	East	South Baltimore Neighborhood Assoc.
Resident 5	Pack, Sr.	Willie	South	Cherry Hill Community Clergy Coalition
Resident 6	Porter	Phylica	West	City Council District 10; Pigtown Resident
Resident 7	Smith-Benson	Paula	East	Sharp-Leadenhall Resident
Business or Institution 1	Adams	Alexandria	South	Elev8 Baltimore (Cherry Hill)
Business or Institution 2	Foster	Mark	West	Second Chance (Carroll-Camden)
Business or Institution 3	Donaldson	Jill	South	MedStar Harbor Hospital
Business or Institution 4	Schiche	Garrett	East	Federal Hill Main Street (President)

The 2023 slate of LDC members, approved by Mayor Brandon M. Scott, are as follows:

A. Ex-officio Appointments (4) –

1. Sen. Bill Ferguson (46<sup>th</sup> District) – as required by law, the Senator representing the district in which the VLT facility (i.e., the casino) is located serves on the LDC. The Operating Procedures specify that the Mayor appoints the Chair of the LDC. In practice, the Chair has always been the Senator for the 46<sup>th</sup>.
2. Del. Luke Clipping (46<sup>th</sup> District) – the law requires that two delegates be on the LDC. Delegate Clippinger has served on the LDC since its inception and has accepted an invitation to serve again. Notably, he is the only member of the 46<sup>th</sup> delegation who lives within the Casino Impact Area.
3. Del. Melissa Wells (40<sup>th</sup> District) – in practice, we have offered the second delegate seat to a representative of the 40<sup>th</sup> District. Former Delegate, now Senator, Antonio Hayes served previously to represent the 40<sup>th</sup> District. Delegate Wells has accepted an invitation to serve.
4. Randy Conway, Casino Representative – as required by law, one of the members of the LDC shall represent and be appointed by the VLT Facility (i.e., casino) within the

district. As General Manager of Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, Mr. Conroy has been an active and engaged participant in both the LDC and the SBGP Board of Directors for several years.

B. Resident Appointments (7) –

1. James Alston – Current Member, Westport

- Board member of both Westport Neighborhood Association and Westport Community Economic Development Corporation. James served in prior years, coming off the LDC in 2017 and returning in 2019. He works as a procurement officer for the Maryland Department of Health. He has proven to be an engaged and interested contributor. Eligibility runs through 2024.

2. Sandra Brennan – Current Member, Pigtown

- Mrs. Brennan is a transit planner and project manager for a private consulting firm and works on transit programs in and outside Baltimore. She has a bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology from UMBC and a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Citizens of Pigtown for five years. Her interest is in fostering an equitable distribution of CLIF program funds across the district, focusing on infrastructure, green space, resident health, and the services available to these neighborhoods. Eligibility runs through 2025.

3. Peggy Jackson-Jobe – New Member, Cherry Hill

- Ms. Jackson-Jobe has been an educator in South Baltimore for 48 years, serving as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent with Baltimore City Public Schools. She serves as Chair of the Cherry Hill Community Coalition Board, Chair of the SB7 Education Sub Committee, Chair of the Cherry Hill Education Team (CHET), and she works in collaboration with the Cherry Hill Strong Education Sub-Committee. As a new member, her eligibility runs through 2029.

4. Michael Murphy – Current Member, South Baltimore Neighborhood

- Mr. Murphy has been an active member of SBNA for 10+ years and served as president for five years. SBNA is one of the most populous neighborhoods in the city, with diverse land uses (commercial, multi-family, single-family residential, retail, and restaurants) operating in a dense, mixed-use environment. He is currently the Area 30 RPP representative and an RPP Advisory Board Member. Eligibility runs through 2023.

5. Min. William (Willie) Pack, Sr. – Current Member, Cherry Hill

- Minister Willie Pack, Sr. was born and raised in Cherry Hill and has been a community leader for decades. He has been involved with many community organizations and projects and serves on the boards of the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, Family Health Centers of Baltimore, and the Cherry Hill Community Clergy Coalition. Willie also provides leadership and mentorship through positions as Chaplain (in training) for Baltimore City Police Department's Southern District, local President of National Federation of Federal Employees, and as a supporter for Army Corps of Engineers employees when they are faced with traumatic experiences, such as family deaths, workplace

issues, etc. Eligibility runs through 2025.

6. Councilwoman Phylicia Porter – New Member, Pigtown & Dist. 10 Neighborhoods
  - Phylicia Porter represents Baltimore’s 10<sup>th</sup> District on the Baltimore City Council. She is a public health scientist and advocate focused on building healthy communities in Baltimore City and South Baltimore. As a new member, her eligibility runs through 2029.
7. Paula A. Smith-Benson – New Member, Sharp Leadenhall
  - Dr. Paula A. Smith-Benson is a Veterans-issues advocate who is highly regarded as a thought-leader in sexual trauma among African American female Veterans. After more than 20 years of honorable service in the United States Air Force, Paula retired at the rank of major to focus on providing strength-based services for Veterans and victims of trauma. With both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing, Paula has concentrated her medical career in midwifery, obstetrics, and women’s health. Additionally, she served as Chief Operating Officer for the Women Veteran’s Command Center and Vice Chair of the nation’s only Veteran Community Advisory Board, and she was appointed to the Philadelphia Mayor’s Commission for People with Disabilities. Her leadership skills were enhanced by doctoral studies in strategic leadership, for which she received her Doctor of Management in 2021. As a new member, her eligibility runs through 2029.

C. Business or Institution Appointments (4) –

1. Alexandra Adams – Existing Member, Cherry Hill
  - Ms. Warrick-Adams is the Executive Director of Elev8 Baltimore, a non-profit youth service and education organization that partners with schools, families, and the community to provide services, opportunities, and impact. Elev8 Baltimore operates tutoring and extended learning programs in three (3) South Baltimore public schools and is also the operator of the South Baltimore Adult High School. She serves on the board for Urban Children's Foundation, Charter and Operator Advisory Board, Reimagine Youth Justice Coalition, and UMMS Community Advisory Board. Eligibility runs through 2025.
2. Jill Donaldson – Existing Member, Cherry Hill and Surrounding Areas
  - Ms. Donaldson is President of MedStar Harbor Hospital and a Senior Vice President with MedStar Health. Her work focuses on utilizing social determinants of health to care for the community, recognizing that impacts from employment status, violence, food insecurity and environmental sustainability, etc., are significant to the patients of MedStar Harbor Hospital and the community at large. Her interest lies in collaborating with City, State, and community partners to improve the health of the residents of South Baltimore. She also serves on the Reimagine Middle Branch Steering Committee. Eligibility runs through 2024.
3. Mark Foster – Existing Member, Carroll-Camden Industrial Area
  - Mr. Foster is in his 20th year as CEO of Second Chance, a nonprofit focused on providing a pathway out of poverty for Baltimore’s most disadvantaged residents through job training and workforce development. He has served for many years on the Baltimore Workforce Development Board and Carroll Camden Business

Association board of directors. Second Chance employs 250 people while creating a pipeline of access to training and jobs for other city residents. Eligibility runs through 2024.

4. Garrett Schiche –New/Returning Member, Federal Hill

- Mr. Schiche has been on the Federal Hill Main Street (FHMS) board for nearly four years, with the most recent two years as the board president. He previously served on the LDC as a resident representative, was a founding board member of the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership and was a board member of the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association for over four years. He leads on FHMS’ organizational strategy, which is aligned with its mission to foster a thriving business district for residents and business stakeholders, and he is interested in helping to launch other potential Main Street organizations in South Baltimore. As a new (returning) member, his eligibility runs through 2029.