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Gavin Buckley, Mayor
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401-2517

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May 7, 2025

To: Alderpersons, City of Annapolis

From: Mayor Gavin Buckley

Re: Civil Service Board reappointment

Pending your approval, I would like to reappoint Ms. Jennifer Beard to the Civil Service Board. Ms. Beard is a resident of ward 5 and has served on this board since 2013.

Ms. Beard's term will expire on 7/31/2028. A copy of her resume is attached.

Thank You.

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Reviewed by: <u>Rules and City Government Committee</u>	
<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Favorable	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfavorable
<u>Sheila M. Furlong</u>	<u>6/6/25</u>
Committee Chair	Date

Jennifer Garland Beard
412 Fox Hollow Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403
Work (410) 295-5740 ext.378, Cell 443-822-7521

College: University of Maryland College Park – two years general education
University of Maryland Baltimore County –graduated with BA in Social Work/Sociology

Graduate: University of Maryland at Baltimore
Graduated Clinical MSW Program August 1982

Post Graduate: Completion of Ericksonian Approaches to Brief Hypnotic Therapy both Fundamental and Intermediate Intensive Training Programs- 2006/2008
Post Graduate Certification Program in Child and Adolescent Treatment- University of Maryland completed 4/99

Licensure: LCSW-C - Issued October 1984, No. 4583- current
ACSW - November 2, 1987, Inactive currently
Board of Social Work Examiners Supervision List as of December of 2007

July 1988 to present – State of Maryland -Anne Arundel County Department of Juvenile Services Social Worker Advanced- currently full time. Currently pending a promotion to a Social Work Supervisor position on December 14, 2012. Assist in completing psychosocial evaluations of post adjudicated youth for the Juvenile Court. Evaluations involve assessment of past and current functioning of youth and their families as well as recommendations concerning treatment needs and plans. Past duties involved completing transfer and waiver investigations for the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court as well as other jurisdictions; testifying as an expert in Court in this County's jurisdiction as well as others. Supervised clinicians to obtain their LCSW-C licensure as well as supervising a current graduate student in her second year field placement.

March 2002 to October 2005 – Psychiatric Clinician at Anne Arundel Medical Center- part-time/contractual- evaluating individuals in acute psychiatric emergencies to assess the need for further intervention/hospitalization.

February 1985 to July 1988 - Glen Burnie Mental Health Clinic/Anne Arundel Health Department. Full time position providing therapy to individuals, couples and families. Ran groups for adolescents and the chronic mentally ill. Managed a forensic caseload for the Forensic Psychiatrist as well. Continued in a part time position from July of 1988 to July of 1991.

August 1982 to February 1985 - Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services Adoption and Custody Unit. Full time position conducting child custody and adoption investigations and evaluations for the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court. Evaluative functions included assessing children and their parents for past and present functioning as well as to identify potential or existing problems. Information and assessments were compiled in a report outlining recommendations and treatment plans. Intervention efforts were focused on encouraging parents to negotiate and ameliorate their conflicts outside of the judicial adversary process. Position involved frequent court appearances and testimony and consultation with attorneys and Judges.

August 1981 to August 1982 - Anne Arundel County DSS – Emergency Evening Night/Weekend Intake Part time Position while completing graduate school on a full time basis.

September 1981 to May 1982 - Mercy Hospital - Student Social Worker- Graduate field placement 40 hours per week.

December 1979 to September 1981 - Anne Arundel County DSS, Protective Services for Children Continuing Treatment Unit. Position required meeting the service needs of families identified as having problems with violence (child abuse, spousal assault), with problems in functioning leading to child neglect (mental illness, mental retardation, emotional disturbances, problems with addictions, or with sexual child abuse or misuse. Performance included identifying levels of danger and risk to the children in these families and to develop and implement appropriate treatment strategies in an attempt to modify the dysfunctional parenting patterns. Intervention often involved working to reunite parents with their children when removal of the children was warranted, either through court intervention or by voluntary contract. Often removal of children on both an emergency and planned basis became necessary. In this event, supervising foster care and residential placements and working with children affected by this disruption was necessary. Position required frequent court appearances seeking the Court's approval and/or enforcement of treatment plans with families.

October 1977 to December 1979 - Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services – Child Protective Services Intake Worker. Position involved screening complaints of sexual and physical child abuse and child neglect. Conducted investigations to validate complaints and to implement the legislative mandate. Made initial assessments of families, devised treatment plans, and assessed the need for court intervention. Assessments included the level of risk for the particular child if their family remained intact as well as the family's ability and willingness to accept intervention to quickly ameliorate or reduce this level of risk.

Member of the Anne Arundel County Child Fatality Review Team 2007 to the present.

Volunteer Activities:

Secretary of the Parent/Teacher Association of St. Mary's High School- 2009 to 2011

Chairperson of the St. Mary's Mulch Fundraiser Food Committee from 2009 to 2011

Team Mother for the Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team-2011

Member of St. Mary's Church 1986 to present

References:

Erica Joyce Wolfe, Senior Juvenile Master of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
410-222-1725

Cynthia Ferris, Juvenile Master of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
410-222-1302

Ellen Duffy, Assistant Public Defender, Head of the Juvenile Division of Anne Arundel County
410-295-8800

Mary Ellen Palowitch, Manager of the Emergency Department of Anne Arundel Medical Center
410-533-4468

Douglas Mohler, Regional Director of the Department of Juvenile Services, 443-829-4334

Robert Anderson, Social Work Manager for the Department of Juvenile Services, 410-230-3147