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2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12
October 5, 2026

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at 7:14 p.m.

Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Liz Walsh and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Jim Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant, and Courtney Speights, Administrative Aide, were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

Legislative Session – September 8, 2026

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journal was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journal passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

Monthly Meeting – September 14, 2026
Legislative Public Hearing – September 22, 2026
Legislative Public Hearing continuation – September 23, 2026
Legislative Work Session – September 28, 2026

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Minutes was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Minutes passed.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Rigby moved to amend the agenda to allow adding Council Resolution 195-2026 to the agenda for Introduction as Late Filed Legislation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to amend the agenda to allow adding Council Resolution 195-2026 to the agenda for Introduction as Late File Legislation was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to amend the agenda to allow adding Council Resolution 195-2026 to the agenda for Introduction as Late Filed Legislation passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

CR163-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Danyell Diggs – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Danyell Diggs to the Multimodal Transportation Board

CR164-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. C. Paige Getty – Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reverend C. Paige Getty to the Interfaith Advisory Commission

CR165-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Divine David Jimeto Alachebe - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Divine David Jimeto Alachebe to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission

CR166-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Elizabeth W. Ndungu– Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elizabeth W. Ndungu to the Commission on Disabilities

CR167-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jamie L. Ferguson, Ph.D. – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jamie L. Ferguson, Ph.D., to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

CR168-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Deacon Allen R. Greene – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deacon Allen R. Greene to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

CR169-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kathryn Adkins Walker Robinson – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kathryn Adkins Walker Robinson to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

CR170-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Saphronia "Sophie" Lang-Bradford – Commission for Veterans and Military Families
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saphronia "Sophie" Lang-Bradford to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

CR171-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rita Kristine Bernardo – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rita Kristine Bernardo to the Multimodal Transportation Board

CR172-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kari Andresen – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kari Andresen to the Multimodal Transportation Board

CR173-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Rachael MacMurray - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rachael MacMurray to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR174-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD, to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR175-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Quinton Askew - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Quinton Askew to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

CR176-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Francesca Valencia- LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Francesca Valencia to the LGBTQIA+ Commission

CR177-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Marina Lambrinou, Ph.D- LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marina Lambrinou, Ph.D, to the LGBTQIA+ Commission

CR178-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Gemma Holgate - LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gemma Holgate to the LGBTQIA+ Commission

CR179-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jeminetu Usman – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeminetu Usman to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

CR180-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Margaret Melikian – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret Melikian to the Historic Preservation Commission

CR181-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jonathan ("Jon") Shin– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jonathan ("Jon") Shin to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive

CR182-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Sandra M. Price- Human Rights Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sandra M. Price to the Human Rights Commission

CR195-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Appointment – Chris Anderson – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Chris Anderson to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Third Councilmanic District

Reappointments

CR183-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Michelle Rhodes-Brown, CFA – Pension Oversight Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Rhodes-Brown, CFA, to the Pension Oversight Commission

CR184-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Regina V. Lee – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Regina V. Lee to the Commission on Disabilities

CR185-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Gift Gunaraj Jayakar – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gift Gunaraj Jayakar to the Commission on Disabilities

CR186-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Bryan Weinstein – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bryan Weinstein to the Commission on Disabilities

CR187-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Ben S. Barlow – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ben S. Barlow to the Historic Preservation Commission

Financial

CB60-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement – 62.98 acres – 2698 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine – Purchase price $2,363,100 – owned by Eugene A. Freeze, as trustee of the Eugene A. Freeze Revocable Trust
Title: AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 62.98 acres of agricultural land located at 2698 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Eugene A. Freeze, as trustee of the Eugene A. Freeze Revocable Trust, or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of $2,363,100 or, if less in acreage, not more than $37,520 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest $100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith *expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027*

CR188-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Department of Police – Adoption rates for the adoption of cats or dogs
Title: A RESOLUTION providing a maximum adoption rate for the adoption of dogs and cats from Howard County Animal Control

CR189-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Endorsing State Financing – Saval Foods, LLC
Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County’s goals for economic development

General

CB61-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Amending Floodplain Provisions – FEMA and MEMA requirements
Title: AN ACT, in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Emergency Management Agency requirements, updating certain floodplain provisions of the County Code; defining certain terms; setting forth the purpose, authority and findings for County floodplain requirements; clarifying the agencies who review requests for alternative compliance; providing for certain submissions and certain inspections; prohibiting certain development and certain activities in certain Special Flood Hazard Areas, including FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas and Community Special Flood Hazard Areas; setting the basis for the establishment of Special Flood Hazard Areas; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator and County Departments and Agencies; providing for certain permits, applications and permit review; imposing certain subdivision and development requirements on Floodplain areas; setting forth standards and conditions and an application process for alternative compliance; updating and defining terms; allowing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to floodplain regulations in Howard County
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB62-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 – specialty pay for Police Captains
Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to provide a certain specialty pay to Police Captains; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB63-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: New Executive Exempt Position - Police Colonel
Title: AN ACT amending County Code to add the position of Police Colonel to the list of positions appointed by the Chief of Police; and generally relating to establishing the new executive exempt position of Colonel
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB64-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Pay Plan and Classification Plan Amendment – Police Colonel
Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan and Classification Plan for Howard County to add a classification description for the position of Police Colonel and to establish a pay grade for the position of Police Colonel; and generally relating to the position of Police Colonel
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CR190-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Extending term – Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Sandra Tello as Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services

CR191-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Extending term – Acting Chief of Police
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Antonio Thomas as Acting Chief of Police

CR193-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorizing the conveyance of approximately 0.477 acres of property – Route 1 – State Highway Administration
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of parcels of land owned by Howard County totaling approximately 0.477 acres located along Route 1 are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the Property to the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration as a part of the US 1 (Washington Boulevard) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if the County Executive finds that the County may have a use for the property

CR194-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Board of Education - Submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's budget request for Fiscal Year 2028 State Capital Projects or projects requesting FY2028 State funding for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction

CB66-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann at the request of the Zoning Board
Short Title: Amending – Zoning Board Procedures
Title: AN ACT amending Title 16 of the Howard County Code by revising the procedures of the Zoning Board for deciding whether petitions may be first heard by the Hearing Examiner for the Zoning Board; revising the advertising requirements for Zoning Board administrative meetings; requiring certain applicants to file certain affidavits or disclosures; revising the timeframe to file an exception to the Hearing Examiner's report; clarifying the role of the Zoning Counsel; and generally related to the Zoning Board
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB67-2026 - Introduced by Opel Jones
Short Title: Property Tax Credit for Seniors – Amend Maximum Credit Amount
Title: AN ACT amending the Property Tax Credit for Seniors in order to, beginning in Tax Year 2027, increase the cap on the amount of the property tax credit after the homestead credit is applied; and generally relating to the property tax credit for seniors
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB68-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung Co-sponsor(s) Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Public Ethics Law – Confidentiality of Complaints – Technical Corrections
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Ethics Code clarifying the confidentiality of certain complaints submitted to the Ethics Commission; clarifying the procedures if information relating to certain complaints are publicly disclosed; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Public Ethics Law
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

CB69-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Inspector General – Custodian of Howard County Government Public Records
Title: AN ACT designating the Inspector General as a custodian of Howard County Government public records; revising the duties of the Inspector General; and generally relating to the Office of Inspector General
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

Chairperson moved to REJECT upon introduction Council Bill 69-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to REJECT upon introduction Council Bill 69-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones and Rigby, Nay: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to REJECT upon introduction Council Bill 69-2026 failed.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

The Administrator read all of the appointment resolutions together except Council Resolution 129; 131; 149; and 151-2026

Appointments

CR124-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Larry Daniel Bratt - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Larry Daniel Bratt to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission.

CR125-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kim M. Lightfoot, SHRM-SCP – Board of Social Services
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kim M. Lightfoot, SHRM-SCP to the Board of Social Services.

CR127-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Erica Davis – Housing Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the Appointment of Erica Davis to the Housing Commission.

CR128-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Mustafa Mahir Akpinar– Interfaith Advisory Commission
***Title*:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mustafa Mahir Akpinar to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR129-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Craig Axler– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Craig Axler to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR130-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Yanky Baron– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Yanky Baron to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR132-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Yolanda R. Bethea– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Yolanda R. Bethea to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR133-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Erika Cole– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erika Cole to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR134-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. Ian C. Collier– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Ian C. Collier to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR135-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Naresh Chandra Das– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Naresh Chandra Das to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR136-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Kalpana Panigrahi– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Kalpana Panigrahi to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR137-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Emily Eyring Robertson– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Emily Eyring Robertson to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR138-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Alexander Ross– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Alexander Ross to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR139-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jodi Grossblatt Saunders– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jodi Grossblatt Saunders to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR140-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Hamza E. Zgidou– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hamza E. Zgidou to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR141-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. Hyiwot Teshome– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Hyiwot Teshome to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR142-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Teresa T. Murbach– Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Teresa T. Murbach to the Commission on Disabilities.

CR143-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Josiah D. Wheeler- Human Rights Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Josiah D. Wheeler to the Human Rights Commission.

CR144-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jennifer Jones – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jennifer Jones to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.

CR145-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Hye Yeong Kwon– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Hye Yeong Kwon to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.

CR146-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – David Norfolk, Jr.– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing David Norfolk, Jr., to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.

CR147-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jack Morris Powell– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jack Morris Powell to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.

CR148-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Greg Zudock– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Greg Zudock to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.

CR150-2026 - Introduced by Opel Jones
Short Title: Appointment – Aftab Ahmed – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Aftab Ahmed to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Second Councilmanic District.

CR152-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Appointment – Doug Siglin – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Doug Siglin to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Fourth Councilmanic District.

CR153-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann
Short Title: Appointment – Daniel Sweeney – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Daniel Sweeney to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Fifth Councilmanic District.

CR154-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Appointment – Liman (Julia) Zhu – Inspector General Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Liman (Julia) Zhu to the Inspector General Advisory Board to fill a term ending on April 7, 2030.

Reappointments

CR155-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Antoine RJ Wright – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Antoine RJ Wright to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR156-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Joseph Dymek – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joseph Dymek to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR157-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Chris Rhodes – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chris Rhodes to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR158-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Leslie Bauer – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Leslie Bauer to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 124; 125; 127; 128; 130; 132 through 148; 150; and 152 through 158-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 124; 125; 127; 128; 130; 132 through 148; 150; and 152 through 158-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 124; 125; 127; 128; 130; 132 through 148; 150; and 152 through 158-2026 passed.

CR129-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Craig Axler– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Craig Axler to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 129-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 129-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh

The motion to approve Council Resolution 129-2026 passed.

CR131-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Mary O. Barton– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary O. Barton to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR149-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Appointment – Meg Boyd – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Meg Boyd to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the First Councilmanic District.

Chairperson moved to TABLE Council Resolutions 131; and 149-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Resolutions 131; and 149-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to TABLE Council Resolutions 131; and 149-2026 passed.

CR151-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Appointment – Hussnain Yaser – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Hussnain Yaser to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Third Councilmanic District.

Ms. Rigby moved to WITHDRAW Council Resolution 151-2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to WITHDRAW Council Resolution 151-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to WITHDRAW Council Resolution 151-2026 passed.

Financial

CB49-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery - $670,397 bonds - Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration
Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to $670,397 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 49-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 49-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 49-2026 passed.

CB50-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery – $150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and $50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds
Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to $150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to $50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 50-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 50-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 50-2026 passed.

CB51-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery – Refunding Bonds
Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issuance of Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds and Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Refunding Bonds; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for the private (negotiated) sale of such bonds; providing for an escrow deposit agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, the final list of refunded bonds, and certain other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 51-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 51-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 51-2026 passed.

CB52-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Credit for Day Care Providers and Additional Childcare Credits
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of repealing the current credit for day care provider, family day-care homes and group care centers and replacing the repealed credit with separate credits for certain day care providers and day care credits for large child care centers consistent with State law authority; and generally relating to property tax credits for real property owned by certain day care providers.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 52-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 52-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 52-2026 passed.

CB53-2026 - Introduced by The County Executive Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, David Yungmann
Short Title: Public Safety Officer Tax Credit – Retired Public Safety Officers
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of expanding the Property Tax Credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers who have retired from a public safety agency in Howard County; amending the definition of Public Safety Officer; and generally relating to the Property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 53-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Ms. Walsh moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026

(*This Amendment includes 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators as Public Safety Officers for the purposes of allowing certain retried 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators to be eligible for the Public Safety Tax Credit*)

Mr. Jones moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026

(*This Amendment clarifies credits available to 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators.*)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 53-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 (as amended) to Council Bill 53-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 (as amended) to Council Bill 53-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve to Council Bill 53-2026 (as amended) was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann; Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 (as amended) to Council Bill 53-2026 passed.

General

CR159-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Supporting – Arts & Culture Plan
Title: A RESOLUTION supporting the Howard County Arts & Culture Plan; providing for the publication of the Plan; providing that the County Executive's signature indicates support for the Plan.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 159-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 159-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 159-2026 passed.

CR160-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Approving BikeHoward 2026 and indicating support for bicycle-friendly community designation.
Title: A RESOLUTION approving BikeHoward 2026, the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan Update and indicating support for the County's application to be designated a bicycle-friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 160-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 160-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh; Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 160-2026 passed.

CR161-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Establishing - Surplus School Use Committee
Title: A RESOLUTION establishing a Surplus School Use Committee to study the disposition of property located at the Howard County Public School System Central Office, located along Md. Route 108; providing for a certain public meeting; providing for the Committee's membership, duties, and lifespan; setting certain deadlines; and generally relating to a Surplus School Use Committee.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 161-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 161-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 161-2026 passed.

CR162-2026 - Introduced by The Chair on behalf of the Council
Short Title: Legislative Session – Changing Specified Date
Title: A RESOLUTION changing a legislative session date for the County Council of Howard County, Maryland.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 162-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 162-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 162-2026 passed.

CB58-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Grants – County Grant Agreements – Requirements – Grants Application Platform and Data Base - Established
Title: AN ACT renaming certain sections of the County Code; amending the County's authority to award grants; adding conditions for the application and awarding of grants; establishing requirements for the application and awarding of grants for the purchase, construction, development, or redevelopment of real property; establishing a centralized grants application platform and database; and generally relating to grants.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

Ms. Jung moved to approve Council Bill 58-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Ms. Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026

(*This Amendment clarifies the minimum amount of time a nonprofit agency must be in operation in order to be eligible for a County grant award; clarifies the date this legislation applies; clarifies the information required to be included in a grant application; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement for the purchase, construction of improvements, development, or redevelopment of real property; clarifies information required to be posted on publicly accessible grants database; and requires the County Chief Administrative Officer to convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders from the Howard County nonprofit community to study and make recommendations on the implementation of the legislation*)

Ms. Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026

(This Amendment to Amendment strikes all proposed new language in Sections 22.700, 22.701, 22.704 and strikes sections 22.706 and 22.707 in their entirety; adds requirements for grant applications and grant agreements for the purchase, construction of improvements, development, or redevelopment of real property, and amends the Short Title and Title of the Bill)

The Chairperson moved to TABLE Council Bill 58-2026. The motion was seconded bv Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Bill 58-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.; Nay: Council Member Jung

The motion to TABLE Council Bill 58-2026 passed.

CB59-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann
Short Title: Solar Collector Facilities - Temporary Hold
Title: AN ACT temporarily prohibiting issuance of certain approvals of development plans or building permits for solar energy facilities; require a public meeting with various agencies to discuss the new rules introduced by the Renewable Energy Certainty Act (HB1036) and the implications on Howard County government processes for reviewing solar energy facilities; provide a report to the County Council and County Executive explaining what County authority is preempted in HB1036 and what the County is permitted to require or adopt; and generally relating to solar energy facilities in Howard County.
expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

Mr. Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 59-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Mr. Yungmann moved to TABLE Council Bill 59-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Bill 59-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to TABLE Council Bill 59-2026 passed.

CR190-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Extending term – Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Sandra Tello as Acting Director of Technology and Communication Services

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 190-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 190-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 190-2026 passed.

CR191-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Extending term – Acting Chief of Police
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 304(c) of the Howard County Charter, extending the term of Antonio Thomas as Acting Chief of Police

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 191-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

> The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 191-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 191-2026 passed.

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General

CB48-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Clean Air Integrity Act
Title: AN ACT amending certain definitions; modifying certain establishments from exceptions to the prohibition on smoking in public places; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to smoking in public places in Howard County
expires – 09/14/2026; extended – 10/19/2026; extended twice – 11/23/2026

Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.