

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 11

RESOLUTION NO. 137-2026

Introduced by: 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.

Introduced and read first time on Sep 8, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on Sep 22, 2026.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn ___ by the County Council on Oct 5, 2026.

Certified by

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

WHEREAS, Section 404 of the Howard County Charter and Section 6.300 of the Howard County Code provide for the County Executive to appoint and for the County Council to confirm nominees to Howard County Boards and Commissions created by law; and

WHEREAS, Sections 6.352 and 12.222 of the Howard County Code provide for an Interfaith Advisory Commission in Howard County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed the appointment of Emily Eyring Robertson as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Council ratifies the County Executive's special trust and confidence in the abilities of the nominee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland this 5 day of October, 2026 that the following person is appointed as a member of the Interfaith Advisory Commission to serve from the passage of this Resolution to October 5, 2029 or until a successor is appointed and confirmed:

Emily Eyring Robertson
Columbia, Maryland

Emily Eyring Robertson

Applicant to the Howard County Interfaith Advisory Commission

Columbia, Maryland
21044

WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Defense, Ft. Meade — *Contracting*

2024 - PRESENT

Federal employee

Legal, financial, and interpersonal experience

Montgomery County Public Schools, Gaithersburg — *Longterm Substitute Teacher*

2021 - 2023

Opened up a new classroom of kindergarten students

Supported multicultural students affected by the pandemic while working with and supporting my team

ABM Industries, Inc., Baltimore — *Team Leader/Supervisor*

2019 - 2022

Managed team of employees to fill temporary and ongoing housekeeping/maintenance needs at various locations

Blackbird Chic, Tucson, AZ — *Furniture Refinisher*

2013 - 2017

Created business refinishing/upcycling furniture and cabinetry for clients

Living Legacy, Watkinsville, GA — *Writer and Editor*

2008 - 2010

Researched and wrote community history for town's Fall Festival and oversaw publication of book

BYU Continuing Education, Provo, UT — *Travel Coordinator*

2003

Planned and purchased travel arrangements for nationwide program staff

BYU Department of Political Science, Provo, UT — *Teaching & Research Assistant, Writing Tutor*

2000 - 2003

Co-taught technical writing classes, graded papers, and coached students in improving their writing

Institute for American Values, New York City, NY — *Writer*

2001

Researched and wrote articles/briefs on the topics of family services, women's issues

SKILLS

Interpersonal
communication and
leadership

Experience with
diverse cultures and
religions

Community
organizing and
volunteering

Public speaking

Resource
management

EDUCATION

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT — Bachelor of Arts

2003

Political Science/Public Policy - 3.81 GPA

Honors Program Graduate, Thesis in Education Policy

Brigham Young University–Idaho, Rexburg, ID — Associate of Arts

2000

Economics - 3.79 GPA

Student Body Academic Vice President

Business College Woman of the Year

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Refugee Resettlement, Columbia; Tucson, AZ

2003 - PRESENT

International Rescue Committee, Lutheran Social Services–Southwest, Refugee Ministry, Luminus

International Thanksgiving celebrations, home set-up, children's recreational sports, blanket drives, direct family support in Syrian, Congolese, Afghani and Ukrainian communities

English Language Teaching, Columbia; Watkinsville, GA; Ogden, UT

2000 - 2024

Davis Applied Technology Center, Oconee County Support Services, Luminus

Community Interfaith Events, Columbia; Tucson, AZ; Watkinsville, GA; Rock Springs, WY

1997 - 2025

Courageous Conversations, Soul-to-Soul, Columbia LDS Stake Communications Committee, Day to Serve, Thanksgiving community concerts, Messiah Sing, Tucson Interfaith Messiah sing-a-long orchestra, food pantry

Established the Gingerbread Man 5K run to fundraise for refugee resettlement

Faith Community Service, Columbia; Tucson, AZ; Watkinsville, GA; Provo, UT; Rexburg, ID; Rock Springs, WY

1992 - PRESENT

Women's auxiliary president, counselor, teacher, event and service coordinator; Sunday School teacher; children's activity planner and teacher, high school seminary president