



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing - Continuation

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Members: Jung, Walsh and Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; James Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Public Hearing *continuation*

A. General

1. **CB7-2026 - OJ - CR/DY - AN ACT** prohibiting the County Council, individual Councilmembers, and County Council staff from hindering, obstructing, or disrupting the deliberations and decisions of certain County Board or Commission; and generally relating to Howard County Boards and Commissions

- a. Stuart Kohn – Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
- b. Jessica Nichols, called to speak
- c. Lisa Markovitz - The Peoples Voice, called to speak
- d. Angela Bruce, called to speak
- e. Robert Bruce, called to speak
- f. Lisa Krausz, called to speak
- g. Shamieka Preston, called to speak

- h. Joel Hurwitz, called to speak
- i. Aiden Morrell, called to speak
- j. Ryan Powers, called to speak
- k. Amir Naviwala, called to speak

2. **CB8-2026 - AN ACT** to set the annual compensation of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2026
 - a. Stuart Kohn – Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
 - b. Ellen Flynn Giles - Chair, Compensation Review Commission, called to speak
 - c. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak
3. **CB9-2026 - AN ACT** to set the annual salary of the Howard County Executive for the term beginning in December 2026
 - a. Ellen Flynn Giles - Chair, Compensation Review Commission, called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak
4. **CB10-2026 - LW - AN ACT** To modify the restriction on the use of excess surplus revenue pursuant to Section 615B of the Howard County Charter in order to use excess surplus revenue from prior years to fund deferred school maintenance needs in the Fiscal Year 2028 budget; and generally relating to excess surplus revenue
 - a. Cindy LaFollette, called to speak
 - b. Jean Xu, called to speak
 - c. Ryan Powers – Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
 - d. Anthony DeBella, called to speak
 - e. Brent Loveless - PTA Council of Howard County, called to speak
 - f. Lanlan Xu, called to speak
 - g. Amir Naviwala, called to speak
5. **CR23-2026 - A RESOLUTION** proposing to amend the Howard County Charter to make the language of the Charter gender neutral; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution
 - a. Kristy Mumma – Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak
6. **CR24-2026 - A RESOLUTION** to amend the Howard County Charter to increase the number of members of the Howard County Board of Appeals from five to seven members; update the political party affiliation distribution of Board members; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution

- a. Lisa Markovitz - The People's Voice, called to speak
- b. Stuart Kohn – Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
- c. Lisa Krausz, called to speak
- d. Angela Bruce, called to speak
- e. Robert Bruce, called to speak
- f. Joel Hurewitz, called to speak

7. **CR25-2026** - A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates

Adjourned at 9:52 p.m.