

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No.2
February 2, 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 Members Deb Jung, Liz Walsh and David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; James Almon, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

Legislative Session – January 5, 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 – January 12, 2026
Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – January 20, 2026
Legislative Public Hearing – January 20, 2026
Legislative Public Hearing continuation – January 21, 2026
Legislative Work Session – January 27, 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.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Emergency Legislation

CB16-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Co-Sponsored by: Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, and Liz Walsh

Short Title: Emergency Legislation - Amending – Howard County Building Code – I-3 Use group

Title: AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Howard County Building Code to provide that only a government agency is eligible to make application, obtain or hold a permit for the I-3 Use group; to provide that the building official may suspend or revoke a permit other than one issued to a government agency that has not passed final inspection; generally relating to the regulation of building and construction in Howard County; and declaring this to be an emergency act.

CB17-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: County Executive – Immigration Enforcement – Guidance – Emergency Act

Title: AN ACT requiring the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities and property; requiring County departments to adopt certain policies consistent with the County Executive’s guidance on immigration enforcement at County facilities and property; limiting access to certain areas for immigration enforcement; declaring contracts in support of immigration enforcement void and unenforceable as against public policy; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet an immediate emergency affecting public health, safety, or welfare; and Generally related to the County Administration and immigration enforcement in the County

Appointments

CR26-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment– Jonathan D. Nelson - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan D. Nelson to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission

CR27-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Asaf Buchner- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Asaf Buchner to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection

CR28-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Darryl Burnett- Board of Health

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Darryl Burnett to the Board of Health

At the request of the Administration CR29, 2026 was not introduced.

CR29-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Meghan Stepanek- Board of Health

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Meghan Stepanek to the Board of Health

CR30-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Bryan Lee Thompson- Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bryan Lee Thompson to the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board

CR31-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment - Amanda Kristen Walker de Rodriguez – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Amanda Kristen Walker de Rodriguez to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

Reappointments

CR32-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment - Khin Rupa Waddy Maung, M.D. - Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Khin Rupa Waddy Maung, M.D., to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

CR33-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Jodie Wang - Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jodie Wang to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

CR34-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment–Misako Aoki–Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Misako Aoki to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

CR35-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Naresh C. Das, Ph.D. – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Naresh C. Das, Ph.D., to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

CR36-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Dhaval Shah - Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dhaval Shah to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Financial

CB11-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Multi-year Grant Agreement renewal – Howard County Housing Commission - NonProfit Collaborative

Title: AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Multi-Year Grant Agreement between the County and the Howard County Housing Commission for the grant of funds related to a NonProfit Collaborative, which provides easier access to multiple services for Howard County residents, enhances coordination and collaboration among non-profit service providers, and improves efficiency through shared spaces and services; authorizing the Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement

General

CB12-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Landlord Tenant Relations – Eviction Notice Requirement

Title: AN ACT requiring that landlords provide at least 14 days written notice to a tenant upon the issuance of a warrant of restitution; requiring the notice be sent and posted in certain methods and timeframes; requiring the Office of Consumer Protection to create a URL that contains certain information; requiring the Office to maintain certain information; amending penalty provisions for violations of landlord-tenant provisions of the County Code; making certain technical corrections; and generally related to the landlord tenant relations

CB13-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Executive Reorganization – Department of General Services – Mail and Fleet

Title: AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; moving certain central service functions to include mail and fleet to the Department of General Services; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government

CR37-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Height Variance- Elkridge Community Center and 50 Plus Center

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 16.301(c) and 16.200(a) of the Howard County Code, granting a variance for government uses from certain height requirements for the construction of the Elkridge Community Center and 50 Plus Center located at 6365, 6371, and 6379 Old Washington Road

CB14-2026 (ZRA 214) - Introduced by The Chairperson of behalf of Yale Presbyterian Church, Inc.

Short Title: ZRA 214 - Age Restricted Adult Housing Apartments – New Conditional Use

Title: AN ACT amending Section 131.0.N of the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add a new Conditional Use category, “Age Restricted Adult Housing Apartments, Commercial Transition” allowed in the PGCC, R-20, R-12, R-SC, and R-SA-8 zoning districts, provided that the property adjoins a B-1 Zone and is within 1,000 feet of the intersection of two arterial roads; add additional Conditional use criteria; and generally related to Conditional Uses

CB15-2026 (ZRA 216) - Introduced by The Chairperson of behalf of Southern Veterinary Partners

Short Title: ZRA 216 - Animal Hospitals – Permitted Use in M-1 Zoning District

Title: AN ACT amending Section 122.0 of the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add “Animal Hospitals, completely enclosed” as a permitted use in the M-1 zoning district; and generally related to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

Other Business

Chair moved to call the County Council into Emergency Legislative Session on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the continuation of the emergency Public Hearing.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to call the County Council into Emergency Legislative Session on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the continuation of the emergency Public Hearing was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann

The motion to call the County Council into Emergency Legislative Session on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the continuation of the emergency Public Hearing. passed.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Appointments

CR2-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Shuchi Vera – Recreation and Parks Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shuchi Vera to the Recreation and Parks Board

CR3-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Chuck Chandler - Multimodal Transportation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chuck Chandler to the Multimodal Transportation Board

CR7-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Ricky Snell – Commission for Veterans and Military Families

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ricky Snell to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

CR9-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Paul Casey – Housing Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Casey to the Housing Commission

CR10-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Kevin Hill – Board of Electrical Examiners

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kevin Hill to the Board of Electrical Examiners

CR11-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Paul Rivers – Police Accountability Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Rivers to the Police Accountability Board

CR12-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Nellie Hutt – Police Accountability Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nellie Hutt, Esquire, to the Police Accountability Board as a member and as Chairperson

CR13-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Renee Bitner – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Renee Bitner to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

CR14-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Michelle Kilkenny – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Kilkenny to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

CR15-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Michelle Henry – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Henry to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

CR16-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment - Kelly Palich, M.A. CIG – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly Palich, M.A. CIG, to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board

CR17-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Kelly Proctor – Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly Proctor to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

CR18-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Victoria A. Myles – Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Victoria A. Myles to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 2; 3; 7; and 9 through 18-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on approve Council Resolutions 2; 3; 7; and 9 through 18-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 2; 3; 7; and 9 through 18-2026 passed.

CR1-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Juan Rafael Albertorio-Diaz – La Alianza Latina Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juan Rafael Albertorio-Diaz to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

CR4-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- Jeremy Domm - Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeremy Domm to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR5-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- John Mobley - Board of Electrical Examiners
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Mobley to the Board of Electrical Examiners.

CR6-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment- James R. Bartlett – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James R. Bartlett to the Historic Preservation Commission.

CR8-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Appointment – Juan Valdez – Commission for Veterans and Military Families
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juan Valdez to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

The Chair moved to table Council Resolutions 1; 4; 5; 6; and 8-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to table Council Resolutions 1; 4; 5; 6; and 8-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann

The motion to table Council Resolutions Council Resolutions 1; 4; 5; 6; and 8-2026 passed.

Financial

TAO1-FY2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Transferring \$7,600,000 – E1036 – Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation
Title: AN ACT transferring \$7,600,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1036, Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project

The Chair moved to approve TAO1-FY2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve TAO1-FY2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann

The motion to approve TAO1-FY2026 passed.

CB1-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Authorizing and empowering – bonds - \$7,600,000

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,600,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 1-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

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

The motion to approve Council Bill 1-2026 passed.

CB2-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Amendments - Property Tax Credit for Credit for Disabled Law Enforcement Officers or Rescue Workers or Surviving Spouses of Fallen Law Enforcement Officers or Rescue Workers

Title: AN ACT amending the Property Tax Credit for Credit for disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers or surviving spouses of fallen law enforcement officers or rescue workers in order to align with State law; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; amending the number of years of the disability or death that applies to the eligibility of a surviving spouse or cohabitant; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to property tax credits

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 2-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 2-2026 was Yea:
Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 2-2026 passed.

CB3-2026 (ZRA 218) - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: ZRA 218 - Accessory Dwelling Units- Allowed by right in certain zoning districts, under certain conditions

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow accessory dwelling units in Howard County under certain conditions; to define certain terms; to allow two-family dwellings as a matter of right in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 and R-12 Zoning Districts under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling unit for accessory apartment and to allow accessory dwelling units as accessory uses in the R-H-ED, R-A-15, R-APT, R-MH, R-VH, HO, HC, TOD, CAC and TNC Zoning Districts, under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling units for temporary accessory family dwellings in certain zoning districts; to make certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment defines the term “short term rental” and provides that accessory dwelling units shall not be used as short term rentals.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 2 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This amendment:

- 1. Removes two-family dwellings as use permitted by right in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 and R-12 Zoning Districts, reverting language back to current regulations;*
- 2. Removes references to two-family dwellings in Section 128.0.A.13 and the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit;*
- 3. Clarifies that accessory dwelling units, in addition to owner-occupancy, shall be on a property where the owner resides and are prohibited on lots developed with two-family dwellings; and*
- 4. Renumbers sections accordingly.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 3-2026 passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218)

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 3 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment removes the proposed minimum lot coverage exemption for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and adds new proposed maximum lot coverage standards for all detached accessory structures, including ADUs, in Section 128.0.A of the Zoning Regulations)

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment corrects language in the parenthetical and modifies the proposed maximum lot coverage standards.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 3-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 3 as amended to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 as amended to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 4 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218). The motion to approve Amendment 4 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) failed due to lack of a second.

Amendment 4 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment changes Section 128.0.A to add a lot coverage maximum for ADUs in the planned service area and exempts lot coverage specifically for properties zoned RC and RR.)

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 5 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218)

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 5 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment makes the following technical corrections:

- 1. It corrects Section 128.0.A.13.a to strike a reference to apartment that should have been dwelling unit; and*
- 2. It corrects a cross reference in Section 131.0.N.26 (historic building uses) from Section 128.0.D.4 to 128.0.D.6.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 5 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 5 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 6 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

Amendment 6 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment adds language that would allow only one detached or attached ADU per lot developed with single family detached dwellings, and only one attached ADU per lot developed with single family attached or semi-attached dwellings.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 6 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 6 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 7 to Council Bill 3-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 7 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment adds language that would allow only one detached or attached ADU per lot developed with single family detached dwellings, and only one attached ADU per lot developed with single family attached or semi-attached dwellings.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 7 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 7 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 8 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 8 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment would require the owner of a property developed with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to have a valid rental housing license to rent out their ADU.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 8 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 8 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 9 to Council Bill 3-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 9 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment would require any property owner developing an Accessory Dwelling Unit ADU to demonstrate that stormwater runoff will be mitigated to not impact neighboring properties.)

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 9 to Council Bill 3-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 9 to CB3-2026 (ZRA 218)

(This Amendment revises the proposed language regarding stormwater mitigation for Accessory Dwelling Units ADUs.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 9 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 9 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 9 as amended to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 9 to Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) as amended passed.

Councilmember Yungmann did not move Amendment 10 to Council Bill 3-2026.

Amendment 10 to CB3-2026

(This Amendment increases the number of required off-street parking spaces per Accessory Dwelling Unit ADU from one space to three spaces and adds language to allow an exception to this requirement.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Bill 3-2026 (ZRA 218) as amended passed.

CB4-2026 (ZRA 219) - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: ZRA 219 - Zoning Regulation Amendment 219 – Activity Centers – TOD or TNC Zoning Districts – Age-Restricted Adult Housing
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to implement the General Plan’s recommendations for housing in activity centers, including defining activity center; providing that certain types of development projects in the TOD or TNC zoning districts shall provide more than one housing type; and adding regulations for age-restricted adult housing in the TOD zoning district; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

The Chair moved to table Council Bill 4-2026 (ZRA 219).

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to table Council Bill 4-2026 (ZRA 219) was
Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Bill 4-2026 (ZRA 219) passed.

CR19-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting comprehensive revision – Landscape Manual

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 16.124 of the Howard County Code, adopting a comprehensive revision of the Howard County Landscape Manual as the technical manual used to prepare landscape plans; and generally relating to landscaping in Howard County.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 19-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 19-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 1 to CR19-2026

(This Amendment extends the period of time a release of surety will be granted based on certain measurements of certain plantings)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 19-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolution 19-2026 failed.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 2 to Council Resolution 19-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 2 to CR19-2026

(This amendment strikes and replaces “Table 1 – Landscape Edge Types” and “Table 7 – Residential Development Internal Landscaping” to change ratios and required plantings)

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Resolution 19-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to CR19-2026

(This Amendment deletes the proposed “Licensed Landscape Architect” requirement and substitutes the current requirement.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Resolution 19-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann.
Nay: Council Members Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Resolution 19-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 2 as amended to Council Resolution 19-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann.
Nay: Council Members Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended to Council Resolution 19-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolution 19-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 19-2026 as amended passed.

CR20-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Public Sewer and Utility Easement Termination –Washington Boulevard – 0.658 acres (28,650 square feet)

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a 30-foot Public Sewer and Utility Easement containing approximately 28,650 square feet or 0.658 acres is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and convey the property interest to the fee simple owner, James Edward Roberts and Tricia B. Roberts; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to terminate the easement and convey the property interest; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement and convey the property if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 20-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolution 20-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 20-2026 passed.

CR21-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Conveyance to Savage Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - Approximately 1.063 Acres – Corridor Road, Savage, Maryland

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that 1.063 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located on Corridor Road in Savage, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the Savage Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 21-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolution 21-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 21-2026 passed.

CR22-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Private Road Easement and Use in Common Easement Termination - College Avenue, Ellicott City, Maryland

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a private road easement and use in common easement serving County property located on College Avenue in Ellicott City are no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to terminate and quitclaim the County's interest, if any, in and to a private road easement and a use in common access easement to the owners of the adjacent properties: Ingrid Wilson and Michael Joseph Coffey; Patricia Driscoll and John Eric Morris; and Diane E. Caruso, the Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia E. Sadler; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to quitclaim the private road easement and the use in common access easement if he finds that the private road easement and use in common easement may have a further public use.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 22-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolution 22-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 22-2026 passed.

CB5-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Boards and Commissions – Appointee Biographical Information– Posting on County Government Website

Title: AN ACT requiring the resumes or other biographical information of all appointments to a Howard County Board or Commission, be posted on the County government website; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 5-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Council Member Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 5-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to CB5-2026

(This Amendment specifies when certain biographical information is to be publicly posted and clarifies the protections being waived)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 Council Bill 5-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 5-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 5-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 5-2026 as amended passed.

CB6-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Howard County Ethics Commission – Members Service on Other Boards and Commissions – Prohibition

Title: AN ACT prohibiting members of the Howard County Ethics Commission from serving on other Howard County Boards or Commissions while serving as a current member of the Howard County Ethics Commission; and generally relating to the Howard County Ethics Commission.

Council Member Yungmann motioned to approve Council Bill 6-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Vice Chair Rigby moved to suspend Rule 1.007(b) to allow for the late introduction of an amendment.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to suspend Rule 1.007(b) to allow for the late introduction of an amendment was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to suspend Rule 1.007(b) to allow for the late introduction of an amendment passed.

Vice Chair Rigby moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 6-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB6-2026

(This Amendment adds individuals in leadership roles in political action committees (PACs) or Super PACs registered in Maryland to the prohibition for members of the Howard County Ethics Commission)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 Council Bill 6-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 6-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 6-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 6-2026 as amended passed.

CB7-2026 - Introduced by Opel Jones - Co-sponsor(s) Christiana Rigby, David Yungmann
Short Title: Howard County Boards and Commissions - Interference – Prohibition
Title: 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.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 7-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 7-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to CB7-2026

(This Amendment strikes references to subsection “(D)” and substitutes references to subsection “(C)”.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 Council Bill 7-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 7-2026 passed.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 7-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 2 to CB7-2026

(This Amendment expands the applicability of the bill by adding certain County Boards and Commissions)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 2 Council Bill 7-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Council Bill 7-2026 passed.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 7-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 3 to CB7-2026

(This Amendment includes the County Executive and County Executive’s staff in the prohibition against interfering with County boards and commissions)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 3 Council Bill 7-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 7-2026 passed.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 4 to Council Bill 7-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 4 to CB7-2026

(This Amendment provides exceptions to the bill)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 4 Council Bill 7-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 4 to Council Bill 7-2026 failed.
The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 7-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Council Bill 7-2026 as amended passed.

CB8-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission
Short Title: Howard County Council – December 2026 to December 2030 Term – Compensation
Title: AN ACT to set the annual compensation of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2026.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 8-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 8-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 8-2026 passed.

CB9-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission
Short Title: Howard County Executive – December 2026 to December 2030 Term – Salary
Title: AN ACT to set the annual salary of the Howard County Executive for the term beginning in December 2026.

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 9-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 9-2026 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 9-2026 passed.

CB10-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Excess Surplus Revenue- Modification

Title: 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.

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Council Bill 10-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 10-2026 was Yea:
Council Members: Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones.

The motion to approve Council Bill 10-2026 passed.

CR23-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

Short Title: Charter Amendment – Gender Neutrality

Title: 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.

Vice Chair Rigby moved to table Council Resolution 23-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to table Council Resolution 23-2026 was Yea:
Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Resolution 23-2026 passed.

CR24-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

Short Title: Charter Amendment – Howard County Board of Appeals

Title: 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.

Vice Chair Rigby moved to table Council Resolution 24-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to table Council Resolution 24-2026 was Yea:
Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Resolution 24-2026 passed.

CR25-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Council
Short Title: Additional Legislative Sessions – Specified Dates
Title: A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 25-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolution 25-2026 was
Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 25-2026 passed.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Tabled

CR147-2025 - Short Title: Appointing Khadeja Farahmand, to the Commission for Women.

CR201-2025 - Short Title: Appointment – Stephanie Gonzalez - Human Trafficking Prevention
Coordination Council.

CR203-2025 - Short Title: Appointment – Laura Crovo - Human Trafficking Prevention
Coordination Council.

The Chair moved to remove Council Resolutions 147: 201; and 203-2025 from the table.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to remove Council Resolutions 147: 201; and
203-2025 from the table was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and
Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolution 147: 201; and 203-2025 from the table passed.

CR201-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Stephanie Gonzalez - Human Trafficking Prevention
Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephanie Gonzalez to the Human
Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

CR203-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Laura Crovo - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Laura Crovo to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 201 and 203-2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Resolutions 201 and 203-2025 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 201 and 203-2025 passed.

CR147-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointing Khadeja Farahmand, to the Commission for Women.
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Khadeja Farahmand, to the Commission for Women.

The Chair moved to withdraw Council Resolution 147-2025.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to withdraw Council Resolution 147-2025 was Yea: Council Members: Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to withdraw Council Resolution 147-2025 passed.

Tabled Legislation

CR176-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Nicole Harris – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nicole Harris to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities

CR211-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Valoria Walker – Commission on Aging
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valoria Walker to the Commission on Aging

Adjourned at 9:16 p.m.