

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No.3
February 5, 2026

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at 6:09 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.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

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
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 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.

The Chair moved to approve CB16-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Council Member Yungmann did not move to approve Amendment 1 to CB16-2026.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 16-2026

(This amendment clarifies entities eligible to hold a Use and Occupancy permit for the I-3 Use group and provides restriction on where the I-3 Use group may be located)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 16-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to CB16-2026 passed.

CB17-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

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

Council Member Walsh moved to approve CB17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This amendment amends the applicability of section 12.108 “Contracts with ICE – unconscionable)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 17-2026 passed.

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Amendment 2 to CB17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 2 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This amendment adds a co-sponsor to the bill)

Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This amendment to amendment adds Councilmembers Jones and Rigby as Co-Sponsors to Council Bill 17-2026)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 2 to Council Bill 17-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended to Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 as amended to Council Bill 17-2026 passed.

Councilmember Walsh moved to suspend Rule 1.007(b) to allow for the late introduction of an amendment. [requires 4 votes to pass]

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.

Councilmember Walsh moved to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This Amendment provides several technical corrections.)

Councilmember Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This Amendment to Amendment amends the official who employees shall contact upon interactions with ICE.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Walsh.

The motion to Approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB17-2026 failed.

Councilmember Jung move to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026

(This Amendment to Amendment specifies that certain provisions do not constitute a condition of employment for certain employees.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026 failed.

Councilmember Yungmann moved to table Council Bill 17-2026.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to table Council Bill 17-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Walsh.

The motion to table Council Bill 17-2026 failed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 3 to Council Bill 17-2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator to approve Council Bill 17-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 17-2026 as amended passed.

Adjourned at 7:49 p.m.