



Howard County Council

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Minutes – Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Opel Jones; Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; James Almon, Legislative Analyst; Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant; and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Hearing

A. APPOINTMENTS

1. **CR211-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valoria Walker to the Commission on Aging
 - a. Valoria Walker, called to speak
2. **CR5-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Mobley to the Board of Electrical Examiners
 - a. John Mobley, called to speak
3. **CR6-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James R. Bartlett to the Historic Preservation Commission

- a. James Bartlett – did not appear
- 4. **CR8-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juan Valdez to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
 - a. Juan Valdez, called to speak
- 5. **CR38-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Melissa Terlaje to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
 - a. Melissa Terlaje, called to speak

B. FINANCIAL

- 1. **CB18-2026** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving Agreement of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and Preservation Maryland, Inc. for the lease of a building known as the historic Howard County Jail located at 1 Emory Street, Ellicott City, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Emily Iacchie - Chief, Bureau of Real Estate Management/Department of General Services, called to speak
 - b. Nicholas Redding - President/CEO, Preservation Maryland, called to speak
- 2. **CB19-2026** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multiyear Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement between Howard County, Maryland, the Howard County Public School System, Howard Community College, and CI Renewables HCPS, LLC, for the purchase of electric power for a term of 25 years, with the option for renewals; authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement
 - a. Timothy Lattimer - Administration, called to speak
 - b. Luke Smith - Senior Vice President of Development, CI Renewables, called to speak
 - c. Maureen Evans - Vice President of Government and External Affairs, Howard Community College, called to speak
 - d. Cornell Brown - Chief Operating Officer, Howard County Public School System, called to speak
- 3. **CR39-2026** - A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Fall River Terrace, LLC for a proposed 76-unit housing community to be located at 5551 Harpers Farm Road in Columbia, Maryland
 - a. Kelly Cimino - Director, Housing and Community Development, called to speak

- b. Jessamine Duvall - Executive Director, Columbia Housing Center, called to speak
- c. Jackie Eng - Housing Affordability Coalition, called to speak
- d. Jennifer Broderick - Executive Director, Bridges to Housing Stability, called to speak
- e. Alexandra Hoffman - Development Manager, Enterprise Community Development, called to speak
- f. Daniel Kelliher - President, Community Homes Housing, Inc., called to speak

4. **CR40-2026** - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 601, Fiscal year and tax year and definitions, in order to define the term “affordable housing projects, financed in whole or in part by the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund” which will allow the County to fund the Trust Fund with bonds; 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. Kelly Cimino - Director, Housing and Community Development, called to speak
- b. Kelli Rives - Jewish Community Relations Council, called to speak
- c. Fran LoPresti, called to speak
- d. Paul Casey, called to speak
- e. Peter Engel - Executive Director, Howard County Housing Commission, called to speak
- f. James Bell, called to speak
- g. Erinn Mansour, called to speak
- h. Jessamine Duvall - Executive Director, Columbia Housing Center, called to speak
- i. Dana Sohr - Bridges to Housing Stability, called to speak
- j. Jackie Eng - Howard County Housing Affordability Coalition, called to speak
- k. Nikki Highsmith Vernick - President/CEO, The Horizon Foundation, called to speak
- l. Clare Mansour, called to speak
- m. Lisa Markovitz - The People’s Voice, called to speak
- n. Melissa Rosenberg - Executive Director, Autism Society of Maryland, called to speak
- o. Regina Lee – did not appear
- p. Alexandra Hoffman - Enterprise Community Development, called to speak
- q. Jim Sanders - Citizens for Age Friendly Howard County, called to speak
- r. Janssen Evelyn, called to speak

5. **CR41-2026** - A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the operating budget of the Board of Education in order to reduce the transfer from its Health Fund to its General Fund by \$3,000,000 and by increasing the use of unassigned fund balance in its General Fund by \$3,000,000; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Board of Education

- a. Darin Conforti – Howard County Public School System - did not appear
- b. Brian Hull – Howard County Public School System – did not appear

C. GENERAL

1. **CB20-2026** - AN ACT to establish Interfaith Advisory Commission; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for the purpose and duties of the Commission; providing for the method of appointment and staff; requiring certain meetings and certain reports; providing the expiration dates of the terms of the initial members of the Commission; and generally relating to Interfaith Advisory Commission
 - a. LaKeisha McClendon - Administrator, Office of Human Rights and Equity, called to speak
 - b. Liv Alanis-Myers – did not appear
 - c. Fevzi Sarac – Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants – did not appear
 - d. Rev. Robert Turner – Saint John Baptist Church – did not appear
 - e. Naresh Das - Jagannath Organization for Global Awareness, called to speak
 - f. Reverend Regina Clay - Life Changing Church, called to speak
 - g. Chippella Lewis Daima, called to speak

2. **CB21-2026** - DY - AN ACT requiring property owners with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to obtain and annually renew rental housing licenses; requiring attestation from property owners of occupancy at the ADU site for at least six months per year; prohibiting more than one rental license on single ADU parcel; establishing civil penalties for violation of these requirements; and generally relating to rental housing licenses
 - a. Jessamine Duvall - Columbia Housing Center, called to speak
 - b. Jackie Eng - Housing Affordability Coalition, called to speak
 - c. Jennifer Broderick - Bridges to Housing Stability, called to speak

Adjourned at 10:29 PM