



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>
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Monday, July 20, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Council Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, and Council Member Deb Jung were present.

Staff Present: Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Nick Rinehart, Senior Administrative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Appointments
 1. CR108-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kelsey E. Ritter to the Environmental Sustainability Board
 - a. Kelsey Ritter (student) - called to speak.
 2. CR109-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Levita Y. Lowe, MPA, PMP to the Human Rights Commission
 - a. Levita Lowe – called to speak.
 3. CR110-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Faith Matranga to the Human Rights Commission
 - a. Faith Matranga - called to speak.

4. CR111-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brent K. Jones to the Commission on Disabilities
 - a. Brent Jones - called to speak.
5. CR112-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Omar J. Jones IV to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
 - a. Omar Jones - called to speak.
6. CR113-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Katharine T. Hemady to the Board of Social Services
 - a. Katharine Hemady - called to speak.

B. Reappointments

1. CR114-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Antonia B. Watts to the Board of Library Trustees
2. CR115-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mason Godsey to the Planning Board
3. CR116-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of M. Shafeeq Ahmed, MD, MBA to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
4. CR117-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Roberta Kelly to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
5. CR118-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James Bell to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
6. CR119-2026 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Phillip Webster to the Environmental Sustainability Board

C. Financial

1. CB46-2026 - AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2027 to increase the total Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) projects appropriation by \$6,068,000 due to additional State Aid funding; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property
 - a. Daniel Lubeley, Director, HCPSS Capital Planning and Construction - called to speak.
2. TAO1-FY2027 - AN ACT transferring \$2,947,000 in County funding from capital project E1059 - Roofing to capital projects E1058 and E1060,

Systemic Renovation and Faulkner Ridge Center, to align with revised Board of Education requests due to \$6,060,000 additional State grant funding received for school projects

- a. Daniel Lubeley, Director of HCPSS Capital Planning and Construction - called to speak.
3. CB47-2026 - AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,947,000 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 2027 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
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, Director of Dept. of Finance - called to speak.
4. CR120-2026 - A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the operating budget of the Board of Education in order to increase its General Fund by \$6,818,972 to reflect an increase of \$25,078 in State funding and the additional use of \$6,793,894 in the Howard County School System's fund balance; to increase its Restricted Funds by \$21,287,647 to reflect increased appropriation in the Food and Nutrition, Grants and School Construction funds, primarily due to higher than expected State and Federal funding; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget of the Board of Education
 - a. Daniel Lubeley, Director of HCPSS Capital Planning and Construction - called to speak.

D. General

1. CR121-2026 - A RESOLUTION endorsing the designation of Elkridge as a Sustainable Community, for approval either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Smart Growth Subcabinet of the State of Maryland; adopting the Sustainable Community Plan described in the County's Sustainable Community Application, indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; authorizing certain signatures; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Department of Housing and Community Development
 - a. Kate Bolinger, Dept. of Planning and Zoning - called to speak.
2. CR122-2026 - A RESOLUTION granting delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Development to sign as the certifying

officer for environmental review records in HEROS (HUD Environmental Review Online System) authorized under 24 CFR Parts 50 and 58

- a. Kelly Cimino, Director of Housing and Community Services - called to speak.
3. CR123-2026 - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that approximately 48.635 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located at Troy Park in Elkridge, Howard County, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the Board of Education of Howard County, subject to a deed restriction that the County Properties shall be used for a future public school or they will revert to County ownership; 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
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Acting Director of Real Estate Management - called to speak.
4. CB48-2026 - AN ACT amending certain definitions; modifying certain establishments from exceptions to the prohibition on smoking in public places; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to smoking in public places in Howard County
 - a. Liza Fues, American Cancer Society Action Network - called to speak.
 - b. Stephen Castro, Davidus Cigars Ltd.,- called to speak.
 - c. Lewis Weaver – did not appear.
 - d. Chelsea Walczak, American Heart Association - called to speak.
 - e. Stanley Tate- called to speak.
 - f. Scott Miller, Davidus Cigars Ltd.,- called to speak.
 - g. Rahul Gupta- called to speak.
 - h. Larry Bernhard, Davidus Cigars Ltd., - called to speak.
 - i. Emily Wofford, Columbia Democratic Club - called to speak.
 - j. Aleks Casper, American Lung Association, - called to speak.
 - k. Kathi Hoke, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, - called to speak.
 - l. Glen Schneider - called to speak.
 - m. Lawrence Schoen - called to speak.

V. Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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