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Agenda

Legislative Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed at cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071(Comcast)
7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Appointments

- CR124-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Larry Daniel Bratt - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Larry Daniel Bratt to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission.
- CR125-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kim M. Lightfoot, SHRM-SCP – Board of Social Services
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kim M. Lightfoot, SHRM-SCP to the Board of Social Services.
- CR127-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Erica Davis– Housing Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erica Davis to the Housing Commission.
- CR128-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Mustafa Mahir Akpınar– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mustafa Mahir Akpınar to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR129-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Craig Axler– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Craig Axler to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR130-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rabbi Yanky Baron– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rabbi Yanky Baron to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

- CR131-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Mary O. Barton– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary O. Barton to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR132-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Yolanda R. Bethea– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Yolanda R. Bethea to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR133-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Erika Cole– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Erika Cole to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR134-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. Ian C. Collier– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Ian C. Collier to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR135-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Naresh Chandra Das– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Naresh Chandra Das to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR136-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Kalpana Panigrahi– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Kalpana Panigrahi to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR137-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Emily Eyring Robertson– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Emily Eyring Robertson to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR138-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Dr. Alexander Ross– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Alexander Ross to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR139-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jodi Grossblatt Saunders– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jodi Grossblatt Saunders to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR140-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Hamza E. Zgidou– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hamza E. Zgidou to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.
- CR141-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. Hyiwot Teshome– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rev. Hyiwot Teshome to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

- CR142-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Teresa T. Murbach– Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Teresa T. Murbach to the Commission on Disabilities.
- CR143-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Josiah D. Wheeler- Human Rights Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Josiah D. Wheeler to the Human Rights Commission.
- CR144-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jennifer Jones – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jennifer Jones to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.
- CR145-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Hye Yeong Kwon– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Hye Yeong Kwon to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.
- CR146-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – David Norfolk, Jr.– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing David Norfolk, Jr., to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.
- CR147-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jack Morris Powell– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jack Morris Powell to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.
- CR148-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Greg Zudock– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Greg Zudock to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive.
- CR149-2026** - Introduced by Liz Walsh
Short Title: Appointment – Meg Boyd – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Meg Boyd to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the First Councilmanic District.
- CR150-2026** - Introduced by Opel Jones
Short Title: Appointment – Aftab Ahmed – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Aftab Ahmed to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Second Councilmanic District.

CR151-2026 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby

Short Title: Appointment – Hussnain Yaser – SMART Data Center Task Force

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Hussnain Yaser to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Third Councilmanic District.

CR152-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Appointment – Doug Siglin – SMART Data Center Task Force

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Doug Siglin to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Fourth Councilmanic District.

CR153-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Appointment – Daniel Sweeney – SMART Data Center Task Force

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Daniel Sweeney to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Fifth Councilmanic District.

CR154-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Appointment – Liman (Julia) Zhu – Inspector General Advisory Board

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Liman (Julia) Zhu to the Inspector General Advisory Board to fill a term ending on April 7, 2030.

Reappointments

CR155-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Antoine RJ Wright – Multimodal Transportation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Antoine RJ Wright to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR156-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Joseph Dymek – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joseph Dymek to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR157-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Chris Rhodes – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chris Rhodes to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR158-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Leslie Bauer – Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Leslie Bauer to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

Financial

CB49-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery - \$670,397 bonds - Maryland Water Infrastructure Financing Administration

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$670,397 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB50-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery – \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB51-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Issuance, sale and delivery – Refunding Bonds

Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issuance of Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds and Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Refunding Bonds; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for the private (negotiated) sale of such bonds; providing for an escrow deposit agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, the final list of refunded bonds, and certain other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB52-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Credit for Day Care Providers and Additional Childcare Credits
Title: AN ACT for the purpose of repealing the current credit for day care provider, family day-care homes and group care centers and replacing the repealed credit with separate credits for certain day care providers and day care credits for large child care centers consistent with State law authority; and generally relating to property tax credits for real property owned by certain day care providers.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB53-2026 - Introduced by The County Executive Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, David Yungmann

Short Title: Public Safety Officer Tax Credit – Retired Public Safety Officers

Title: AN ACT for the purpose of expanding the Property Tax Credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers who have retired from a public safety agency in Howard County; amending the definition of Public Safety Officer; and generally relating to the Property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

General

CR159-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Supporting – Arts & Culture Plan

Title: A RESOLUTION supporting the Howard County Arts & Culture Plan; providing for the publication of the Plan; providing that the County Executive’s signature indicates support for the Plan.

CR160-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Approving BikeHoward 2026 and indicating support for bicycle-friendly community designation.

Title: A RESOLUTION approving BikeHoward 2026, the Howard County Bicycle Master Plan Update and indicating support for the County’s application to be designated a bicycle-friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists.

CR161-2026 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Establishing - Surplus School Use Committee

Title: A RESOLUTION establishing a Surplus School Use Committee to study the disposition of property located at the Howard County Public School System Central Office, located along Md. Route 108; providing for a certain public meeting; providing for the Committee’s membership, duties, and lifespan; setting certain deadlines; and generally relating to a Surplus School Use Committee.

CR162-2026 - Introduced by The Chair on behalf of the Council

Short Title: Legislative Session – Changing Specified Date

Title: A RESOLUTION changing a legislative session date for the County Council of Howard County, Maryland.

CB58-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Grants – County Grant Agreements – Requirements – Grants Application Platform and Data Base - Established

Title: AN ACT renaming certain sections of the County Code; amending the County’s authority to award grants; adding conditions for the application and awarding of grants; establishing requirements for the application and awarding of grants for the purchase, construction, development, or redevelopment of real property; establishing a centralized grants application platform and database; and generally relating to grants.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB59-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Solar Collector Facilities - Temporary Hold

Title: AN ACT temporarily prohibiting issuance of certain approvals of development plans or building permits for solar energy facilities; require a public meeting with various agencies to discuss the new rules introduced by the Renewable Energy Certainty Act (HB1036) and the implications on Howard County government processes for reviewing solar energy facilities; provide a report to the County Council and County Executive explaining what County authority is preempted in HB1036 and what the County is permitted to require or adopt; and generally relating to solar energy facilities in Howard County.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

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