



# Howard County Council

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County Council Legislative Work Session  
Monday October 28, 2019  
C. Vernon Gray Room  
10:00 a.m.

### Minutes (Corrected-Approved)

The Council Chairperson Mercer Rigby convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Council Members Present: Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Mercer Rigby, Liz Walsh, Dave Yungmann

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator, Theodore Wimberly, Council Administrative Manager; Michelle Harrod, Deputy County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor.

**Council Resolution 132-2019** - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2021 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2022-2026 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction.

- Discussion participants included: Dan Lubely, Acting Director, Capital Planning, HCPSS, Renee Kamin, HCPSS, and Bruce Gist, HCPSS.
- General discussion that the Board of Education has recommended Talbot and Hammond High School be restored into the budget. General discussion about Harper's Choice Fire Station and Ascend One Relocation, its programs and use of Old Cedar Lane School.

**Council Bill 42-2019** - to alter the school facilities surcharge in accordance with Chapter 744 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2019

- Discussion participants included: Dan Lubely, Renee Kamins, Carl Delorenzo, Jeff Bronow, Michelle Harrod
- General discussion about factors used to set the proposed rate including the FY20 approved budget, historic state funding of Howard County schools, anticipated development using current APFO numbers, student generation and sources of student yield projections, changes within the school system and the split between students generated from new construction versus students from existing dwelling units (noting that new construction becomes existing dwelling units).

Schools confirmed that they look at student generation every year and affirmed the historic accuracy of its studies and projections.

- Power point was distributed explaining rate calculation and the variables to be considered which were affirmed by administrative staff.

**Council Bill 50-2019** - pertaining generally to disability moderate income housing units – general discussion about the need for moderate income housing units for persons with disabilities and implementation of proposed legislation.

**Council Bill 54-2019** – pertaining to the **Lease Agreement** between Howard County, Maryland and Delta-Greenwood, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for 28,511 square feet of space at 8869 Greenwood Place, Savage, Maryland, to be used by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities. General discussion about the need for the facility.

**Council Bill 55-2019** and **Council Resolution 133-2019** – general discussion about what other jurisdictions are doing; competing policy interests; farmer’s needs for supplementary income and commercial solar generally. Participants included Marni Carroll (One Energy), Howie Feaga, Merry Farms, Keith Ohlinger, Joy Levy, Ag Pres., Josh Feldmark, Office of Sustainability, Cathy Hudson and Leah Miller.

**Council Bill 51-2019** general discussion about the use of pesticides. Participants included Josh Feldmark, Office of Sustainability and Dave Meyers from the University of Maryland Extension.