



# Howard County Council

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## COUNCILMEMBERS

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Minutes  
Operating Budget Work Session  
May 16, 2013  
C. Vernon Gray Conference Room

Chairperson Jennifer Terrasa called the work session to order at 9:38 a.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room.

Members Present: Jen Terrasa, Chairperson; Mary Kay Sigaty, Vice Chairperson; Calvin Ball; Greg Fox; Courtney Watson

Council Staff Present: Sheila Tolliver, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, Auditor; Audit Staff: Lisa Geerman, Ali Shirazie, Steve Peters

Executive Budget Staff Present: Ray Wacks, Becky Kidwell, Don Stitely

Office of Law Staff: Margaret Ann Nolan, Co. Attorney; Jim Vannoy

Board of Ed. Members and Staff: Frank Acquino, Board Chairman; Cynthia Vaillancourt, Board Member; Board Staff: Ken Roey, Exec. Director, Facilities; Patricia Daley, Exec. Dir., Special Education; Camille Jones, Chief Operating Officer; Woody Swinson, Budget Director; Beverly Davis, Director of Finance

The Council continued its review of the operating and capital budgets for the Board of Education.

### Follow-up Items:

- Requested a copy of the Bolton Study
- Requested a list of funds that the Board could cut from the operating budget to transfer to the health fund
- Requested a list of one-time, non-instructional expenditures funded with Board funds which might be transferred to the health fund, if Council cuts were used to replenish the funds transferred by the Board from one-time funding
- Can Board absorb the function of the proposed new legislative liaison
- Cost of terminating Comcast and Verizon accounts early to participate in broadband

The Council reviewed County's proposed fees..

The Council reviewed with Bob Francis, Director, proposed fees for the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits.

Kim Flower, Deputy Director, and Lisa Hill reviewed proposed fees by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Jim Irvin, Director, and Karen Becker reviewed proposed fees for the Department of Public Works.

At 1:03 p.m. Chairperson Jennifer Terrasa moved to go into closed session as authorized by the State Government Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Section 10-508 (a) (7)), to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Mary Kay Sigaty seconded the motion. The following members voted in favor of closing the meeting: Jen Terrasa, Mary Kay Sigaty, Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Courtney Watson.

The meeting was reopened at 1:50 p.m. The Chair announced that the closed meeting was to obtain legal advice related to Council authorities in approving the operating budget. No votes were taken in the closed meeting.

The work session continued with a discussion of the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) fund and the road construction fund.

Ray Wacks, Budget Director, reported that the Administration plans to submit an amendment to the funds page to conform that fund to the budget resolution.

Josh Felmark and Mark DeLuca spoke on behalf of the Administration regarding the stormwater fees.

**Follow-up:** Councilman Fox requested planned locations of capital projects and positions funded from revenues from the stormwater fee.

The Chair asked for information about the total cost of the CRM program.

It was announced that there would be a budget work session, if needed, following the public hearing on Monday, May 20, 2013.

The work session was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.