

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2023 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No. 7
June 05, 2023**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at **7:04** p.m.

Chairperson Christiana Rigby, Vice Chairperson Deb Jung, Council Member Opel Jones, Council Members Liz Walsh and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Owen Kahn, Legislative Analyst; Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Support were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal - Legislative Session – May 1, 2023 and Legislative Session – May 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Legislative Session – May 1, 2023

Legislative Session – May 24, 2023

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journals was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Minutes of:

Operating Budget Work Session #1 – May 1, 2023
Constant Yield Public Hearing – May 1, 2023
Operating Budget Work Session #2 – May 3, 2023
Maryland Youth Partner in Change Program – May 4, 2023
Operating Budget Public Hearing – May 8, 2023
Capital Budget Work Session #3 (continued) – May 9, 2023
Operating Budget Work Session #3 – May 10, 2023
General Budget Public Hearing – May 11, 2023
Operating Budget Work Session #4 – May 12, 2023
Operating Budget Work Session #5 – May 15, 2023
Legislative Public Hearing – May 15, 2023

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the minutes was:
Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, and Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

CR90-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Laura Elizabeth Bacon to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CR91-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ishaan Busireddy to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

CR92-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mason Godsey to the Planning Board.

CR93-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Phillip Patrick Larson to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CR94-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Sean Kendric Stewart to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Reappointments

CR95-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ted Cochran to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR96-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ralph O. Frith to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.

CR97-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marcellous P. Frye Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CR98-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Suzanne R. Geckle to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission.

CR99-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Monica Simon to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

Financial

CB27-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT for purposes of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers, amending the definition of Public Safety Officer in response to a State Law change; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers.

General

CB28-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT adopting HoCo By Design as the general plan for Howard County, Maryland which includes a Plan for the Route 1 Corridor, for the purpose of planning for land use and land conservation and multiyear development planning for transportation, public facilities, water, sewerage, parkland, housing, human services, and environmental protection; and generally relating to planning, zoning, and land use in Howard County, Maryland.

CB29-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Second Amendment of Lease Agreement (the "Second Amendment") between Howard County, Maryland and The Howard County Arts Council, Inc., a Maryland non-profit corporation, for approximately 12.652 acres of land at 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, Maryland, under the terms of which the County agrees to pay certain costs associated with the premises; authorizing the County Executive to enter into the Second Amendment and to make changes to the Second Amendment before executing it, under certain conditions; and generally relating to a multi-year lease of certain premises owned by Howard County, Maryland to The Howard County Arts Council, Inc.

CR101-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant easements to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that it may replace and relocate poles and other equipment maintained by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on property owned by Howard County, Maryland in Ellicott City; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easements if he finds that the property may have a further public use.

CR103-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION amending previously adopted Resolutions to correct the term of appointments to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CB30-2023 - Introduced by Liz Walsh
AN ACT amending the purpose of the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County; altering the definition of a forest; increasing certain reforestation calculations; amending qualification for the use of certain forest mitigation banks; and generally related to the Forest Conservation Act of Howard County.

CB31-2023 - Introduced by David Yungmann
AN ACT designating September 19 as Howard County Flag Day; and generally relating to the Howard County Flag.

CB32-2023 - Introduced by Opel Jones
AN ACT creating an Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel; specificizing the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Panel; providing for the membership and staffing of the Advisory Panel; establishing requirements for meetings and reports; and generally related to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

CR104-2023 - Introduced by Opel Jones
A RESOLUTION creating a Cannabis Workgroup to study the effects of adult-use cannabis legalization in Howard County and recommend legislative actions to promote health, public safety, and equity in the

local adult-use cannabis market; and generally relating to adult-use cannabis.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

Appointments

CR62-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Homayara Aziz to the Commission for Women.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR62-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR62-2023 was
Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR62-2023 passed.

CR63-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven M. Bolen to the Police Accountability Board.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR63-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR63-2023 was
Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR63-2023 passed.

CR64-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Liggett-Creel to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR64-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR64-2023 was
Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR64-2023 passed.

CB14-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT establishing a Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers; defining certain terms; setting forth certain eligibility requirements; providing that the program will be administered by the Howard County Public School System; providing for the method of appropriation and providing that the program may be subject to annual appropriation; providing for a limit to the fiscal obligation of the program; requiring certain applications; providing for the application of this Act; requiring a report; providing for a sunset of the Program after five years; and generally relating to the Student Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Teachers.

The Chairperson moved to approve CB14-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 1 to CB14-2023

(This amendment clarifies that the purpose of the Program is to retain teachers.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-2023 was Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members, Jung and Walsh.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-2023 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB14-2023 as amended was Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB14-2023 as amended passed.

CR65-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION approving certain transfers between major categories of the Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023; transferring a total of \$800,000 to Other Instructional Costs and \$300,000 to Operation of Plant; and generally relating to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget of the Board of Education.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR65-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CR65-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 1 to CR65-2023

(This amendment corrects the table attached to the Resolution as filed. In the table, a cell was repeated starting with State Category 07, Student Personnel Services, which resulted in subsequent incorrect amounts.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR65-2023 was Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR65-2023 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR65-2023 as amended was Yea: Council Members, Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR65-2023 as amended passed.

Adjourned at 7:23 PM