

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2023 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No. 11
October 02, 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 Member 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; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Brenda Smith, Administrative Support were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal - Legislative Session – September 5, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

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

The motion to approve the Journal passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Minutes of:

General Plan Work Session #8 – September 13, 2023
Legislative Public Hearing – September 18, 2023
General Plan Public Hearing – September 20, 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, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

The Chairperson moved to Suspend the Rules to Allow the Introduction of Amendment 1 to CR170-2023, Amendment 1 to CR135-2023 and Amendment 1 to CR150-2023:

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to Suspend the Rules to Allow the Introduction of Amendment 1 to CR170-2023, Amendment 1 to CR135-2023 and Amendment 1 to CR150-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to Suspend the Rules to Allow the Introduction of these amendments passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

CR153-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie Bauer to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

CR154-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xavier V. Bruce to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

CR155-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Roxanne Cox to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

CR156-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kellyann Few to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

CR157-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Monteith Mitchell to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

CR158-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Katie Myers to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.

CR159-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Derek Patrick to the State Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

CR160-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrew Sherman to the Equal Business
Opportunity Commission.

CR161-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Phillip Webster to the
Environmental Sustainability Board.

Reappointments

CR162-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ash Baker to the LGBTQIA+
Commission.

CR163-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Brian Bailey to the LGBTQIA+
Commission.

CR164-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Abby Gibbon to the Howard County
Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR165-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Abby Gibbon to the State Agricultural
Preservation Advisory Board.

CR166-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the Howard County
Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR167-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the State
Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

CR168-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Beck Rainbow Lynn Seckler to the
LGBTQIA+ Commission.

Financial

CB38-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
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.

General

CR169-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

CR171-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
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 2025 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years
2026-2030 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School
Construction.

CR170-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson
A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into
legislative session on specified dates.

CB39-2023 - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
AN ACT amending the definitions of "Parking Area, Parking Facility or Parking Use"
and "Solar Collector, Rooftop" to ensure that solar canopies are permitted by right uses on
parking structures.; and generally relating to solar canopies.

CB40-2023 Introduced by Liz Walsh
AN ACT removing certain exemptions for stream restoration projects in the Forest

Conservation Act, removing the definition of a stream restoration project, and generally relating to the Forest Conservation Act.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

After hearing no objections, the Administrator read Council Resolutions 132-, 133-, 136-, 137-, 138-, 139-, 142-, 143-, 144-, 145-, 146-, 147-, 148-, 149- and CR151-2023, together for a single combined roll call vote.

Appointments

CR132-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James Bell to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

CR133-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kyle R. Burton, MD, MPP, to the Commission on Aging.

CR136-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION recommending to the Governor of Maryland that Lynda Eisenberg be appointed to the Patuxent River Commission.

CR137-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brent Grazman, Ph.D., to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

CB138-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Melissa Hudzik to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

CR139-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Samantha Magness to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.

CR142-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Madiha Rahimi to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.

CR143-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jill Rathburn to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CR144-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Prateek Shukla to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

CR145-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Narissa Solanki to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CR146-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sean Thomas to the Board of Social Services.

CR147-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bradley Welsh to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CR148-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jessica K. Winkles, Ph.D., to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

CR149-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Antoine RJ Wright to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

Reappointments

CR151-2023 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jae Chon to the Pension Oversight Commission.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 132-, 133-, 136-, 137-, 138-, 139-, 142-, 143-, 144- , 145-, 146-, 147-, 148-, 149- and CR151-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 132-, 133-, 136-, 137-, 138-, 139-, 142-, 143-, 144- , 145-, 146-, 147-, 148-, 149- and CR151-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 132-, 133-, 136-, 137-, 138-, 139-, 142-, 143-, 144- , 145-, 146-, 147-, 148-, 149- and CR151-2023 passed.

Financial

CR131-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie Bauer to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board.

The Chairperson moved to table Council Resolution 131-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table CR131-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table CR131-2023 passed.

CR134-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dana Couch to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

The Chairperson moved to table CR134-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table CR134-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table CR134-2023 passed.

CR141-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Derek Patrick to the Howard County
Agricultural Preservation Board.

The Chairperson moved to table CR141-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table CR141-2023 was
Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to table CR141-2023 passed.

CR135-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Candace Dodson-Reed to the Housing
Commission.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR135-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms.
Jung.

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

Amendment 1

(This amendment corrects the authority for the Housing Commission term.)

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

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR135-2023 as
amended was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR135-2023 as amended passed.

CR140-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eneanya Obioha to the Human Rights
Commission.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR140-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

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

Amendment 1

(This amendment corrects the appointment term as the appointee is a student member.)

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

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR140-2023 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR140-2023 as amended was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR140-2023 as amended passed.

CR150-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kathryn Valentine to the Housing Commission.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR150-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

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

Amendment 1

(This amendment corrects the authority for the Housing Commission term.)

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

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR150-2023 as amended was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR150-2023 as amended passed.

General

CB35-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT authorizing step adjustments for purposes of pay equity, under certain conditions; requiring certain approvals by the Personnel Officer following an assessment and recommendation by the Human Resources Administrator; and generally relating to the rates of pay for County employees.

The Chairperson moved to approve CB35-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB35-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB35-2023 passed.

CB36-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for certain public safety employees that shall be effective January 1, 2024; to correct a scale that applies to members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 143; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

The Chairperson moved to approve CB36-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

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

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment corrects rates for the DS2 (security officer) grade for the pay schedule effective January 1, 2024.)

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

The motion to approve Amendment 1 passed.

The motion to approve CB36-2023 as amended passed.

CB152-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of land owned by Howard County, Maryland and located within Centennial Park, along Centennial Lane and Maryland Route 108, is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey, upon certain consideration,

fee simple title to 0.834 acres and permanent easement interests in 0.152 acres to the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration; 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 convey the property if he finds that the County may have a use for the property.

The Chairperson moved to approve CB152-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB152-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB152-2023 passed.

CB37-2023 - Introduced by Deb Jung Co-sponsor(s) David Yungmann

AN ACT removing the prohibition on owners of multiple residential properties from receiving the property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Council Member Jung moved to approve CB37-2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB37-2023 was Yea: Council Members, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Members Jones and Rigby

The motion to approve CB37-2023 passed.

Appointments

Removed from the table

CR112-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sean P. Keller to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

The Chairperson moved to remove from the table CR112-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove from the table CR112-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove from the table CR112-2023 passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR112-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR112-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR112-2023 passed.

CR170-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR170-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CR170-2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment No. 1

(This amendment changes the time from 7:00 pm to 2:00 pm.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR170-2023 was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR170-2023 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR170-2023 as amended was Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR170-2023 as amended passed.

Adjourned at 7:38 PM

Tabled

CR131-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Leslie Bauer to the Howard County
Agricultural Preservation Board.

CR134-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dana Couch to the Local Behavioral
Health Advisory Board.

CR141-2023 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
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Guardianship Review Board.