



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Operating Budget Public Hearing - Education

Wednesday April 24, 2024

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson Liz Walsh, Council Member Opel Jones, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Lisa Geerman, Acting County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Owen Kahn, Senior Legislative Analyst, Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Brenda Smith, Administrative Aide were also present.

I. Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearing

A. Education

- a. James Obasiolu - called to speak.
- b. Shreya Dinesh - called to speak.
- c. Antonio Clay-Hardy - called to speak.

B. Libraries

- a. Tonya Aikens, Howard County Library System - called to speak.
- b. Deanna of Deanna's Delights - called to speak.

C. Howard Community College (HCC)

- a. Dr. Daria Willis, Howard Community College - called to speak.
- b. Guy Bunyard, American Federation of Teachers - called to speak.
- c. Michael Popp - called to speak.
- d. Sean Keller - called to speak.

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D. Howard County Public School System

- a. Yun Lu, called to speak.
- b. Pravin Ponnuri- did not speak.
- c. Hiruy Hadgu – called to speak.
- d. Connor Gephart - called to speak.
- e. Ginger Segala, Howard County Parents for School Music - called to speak.
- f. Rosa Calderon – did not speak.
- g. Gabby H – did not speak.
- h. James Doherty- did not speak.
- i. Anthony DeBella - called to speak.
- j. Ryan Powers - called to speak.
- k. Robert Miller - called to speak.
- l. Benjamin Schmitt, Howard County Education Association - called so speak.
- m. James Cecil - called to speak.
- n. Catherine Carter - called to speak.
- o. Stephanie Mummert – did not speak.
- p. Angela McMellen Brannigan - called to speak.
- q. Rebecca Otte - called to speak.
- r. Kelly Klinefelter, Howard Progressive Project - called to speak.
- s. Kathy Howell - called to speak.
- t. Corinne Happel - called to speak.
- u. Amrish Vyas, Indian Origin Network of Howard County (IoNHOC0) - called to speak.
- v. Jhonna Seifert - called to speak.
- w. Meg Ricks - called to speak.
- x. Matthew Popow - called to speak.
- y. Sofiya Kagna - called to speak.
- z. Patricia De Orio - called to speak.
- aa. Jean Xu, CAPA - called to speak.
- bb. Linfeng Chen - called to speak.
- cc. Andre Gao - called to speak.
- dd. Dan Newberger, Harper’s Choice Middle School PTA - called to speak.
- ee. Lizz Hammon - called to speak.
- ff. Pam Stiner, Autism Society of Maryland - called to speak.
- gg. Matthew Burns - called to speak.
- hh. Vynessa Pantano - called to speak.
- ii. Julie Hotopp - called to speak.

V. **Adjourn at 9:35 p.m.**