

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

2024 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4  
March 4, 2024

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairperson called the legislative session to order at 7:01 p.m.

Chairperson Deb Jung, Vice Chairperson, Liz Walsh, Council Member Opel Jones, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann were 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 Khan, Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant and Trish Hammond, Administrative Aide were also present.

**APPROVE JOURNAL AND MINUTES**

The Chairperson moved to approve the Journal of: Legislative Session – March 4, 2024

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to approve the Journal passed.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Minutes of:

Monthly Meeting – March 12, 2024  
Closed Meeting – March 12, 2024  
Legislative Public Hearing – March 18, 2024

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to approve the minutes passed.

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**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

## **Introduction**

### **Reappointments**

**CR33-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Reappointment – Herman L. Charity- Recreation and Parks Board.

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Herman L. Charity to the Recreation and Parks Board.

**CR34-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment –Teresa Garcia –Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Teresa Garcia to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

**CR35-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment–Christine “Tina” Horn–Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Christine “Tina” Horn to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

**CR36-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment – Dr. Abbie Diane Martin – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Abbie Diane Martin to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

**CR37-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment– Kurt Woodrick Wall – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kurt Woodrick Wall to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.

**CR38-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Reappointment– Kui Zhao – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kui Zhao, AICP, to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.

### **General**

**CR39-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting – Annual Action Plan

Title: A RESOLUTION adopting Howard County’s Annual Action Plan for housing and community services to qualify for the receipt of federal Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

**CR40-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Endorsing and authorizing – Application with the Maryland Transit Administration

Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

**CR41-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Easement Termination – Ilchester Road – 0.1595 Acres  
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that public tree maintenance easements containing approximately 0.1595 acres are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and convey the property interest to the fee simple owner, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement and convey the property if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

**CB15-2024** - Introduced by Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby  
Short Title: County Auditor Pay Grade Alteration  
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Pay Plan; providing the pay scale for the County Auditor; and generally relating to the Howard County Pay Plan.  
expires – 06/10/2024; extended – 07/15/2024; extended twice – 08/19/2024

**CB16-2024 (ZRA 206)** - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Elite Facility Management  
Short Title: (ZRA 206) To allow additional square footage for detached accessory structures in RC and RR zoning districts  
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to change Section 128.0.A.12 to allow additional square footage for detached accessory structures on residentially zoned lots in the RC and RR zoning districts for both individual structures and cumulatively by allowing an additional 500 square feet for properties greater than 3 acres with larger properties having more allowance for detached accessory structures; and generally relating to lot coverage in the RC and RR zoning district.  
expires – 06/10/2024; extended – 07/15/2024; extended twice – 08/19/2024

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## **FINAL CONSIDERATION**

### **Appointments**

**CR23-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Appointing Hannah Eunji Chang to the Commission for Women.  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hannah Eunji Chang to the Commission for Women.

**CR24-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Appointing Kristen Mahoney to the Commission for Women.  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kristen Mahoney to the Commission for Women.

**CR25-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Appointing Ted L. Meyerson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ted L. Meyerson to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

**CR26-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Appointing Shannon B. Taitt to the Commission for Women.  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shannon B. Taitt to the Commission for Women.

**CR27-2024** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby  
Short Title: Appointment - Robbyn Harris – Board of Appeals  
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Robbyn Harris to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2028.

### **Reappointments**

**CR29-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Reappointing Pedro Ramirez to the Public Works Board.  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Pedro Ramirez to the Public Works Board.

The Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 23; 24; 25; 26; 27 and 29-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 23; 24; 25; 26; 27 and 29-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 23; 24; 25; 26; 27 and 29-2024 passed.

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**CR30-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Amending the Health Department Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget to receive funding from the State of Maryland.  
Title: A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Health Department Operating Budget, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 70-2023, to account for additional funding received from the State of Maryland; and generally relating to the Health Department Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR30-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR30-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR30-2024 passed.

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**CB10-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Amending the Howard County Retirement Plan to create an enhanced normal retirement benefit for Dispatchers.

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan in order to create an enhanced normal retirement benefit for Dispatchers, adding and amending certain definitions; increasing the amount of employee pick up contributions to be made by participating Dispatchers, changing the normal retirement age for participating Dispatchers and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan.

*expires – 05/13/2024; extended – 06/17/2024; extended twice – 07/22/2024*

The Chairperson moved to approve CB10-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB10-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB10-2024 passed.

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**CB11-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting the 2023 National Electrical Code and local amendments.

Title: AN ACT adopting the 2023 National Electrical Code as the Electrical Code for Howard County; regulating the design, construction, alteration, improvement or modification to electrical equipment; adopting certain local amendments to the Electrical Code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the electrical code in Howard County.

*expires – 05/13/2024; extended – 06/17/2024; extended twice – 07/22/2024*

The Chairperson moved to approve CB11-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB11-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones

**Amendment 1 to CB11-2024**

*(This Amendment substitutes a local amendment related to grounding electrodes. The Board of Electrical Examiners recommended this change.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB11-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann,

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB11-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB11-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB11-2024 as amended passed.

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**CB12-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Amending the membership of the Local Children’s Board.

Title: AN ACT amending the membership of the Local Children’s Board to add certain ex officio members and to amend the total number of members accordingly; and generally relating to the Local Children’s Board.

*expires – 05/13/2024; extended – 06/17/2024; extended twice – 07/22/2024*

The Chairperson moved to approve 22024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB12-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones

**Amendment 1 to CB12-2024**

*(This Amendment makes the following changes:*

- 1. Corrects the number of members;*
- 2. Strikes the member representing a “private non-profit child-serving” agency because that slot is being replaced by Ex Officio members representing specific organizations; and*
- 3. Removes “designees” from certain Ex Officio members.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB12-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB12-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB12-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB12-2024 as amended passed.

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**CR31-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Authorizing the sale of certain microwave network equipment.

Title: A RESOLUTION authorizing the sale of certain microwave network equipment owned by Howard County to the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems upon such terms and conditions as the County Purchasing Agent deems proper.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR31-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR31-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR31-2024 passed.

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**CR32-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Short Title: Granting the renewal of a cable franchise agreement to Comcast of Howard County, LLC.

Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to the Howard County Cable Televisions Systems Franchise Act, granting the renewal of a cable franchise agreement to Comcast of Howard County, LLC under certain terms and conditions.

The Chairperson moved to approve CR32-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CR32-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones

**Amendment 1 to CR32-2024**

*(This Amendment inserts Exhibit B, the list of County Buildings, and Exhibit D, the Franchise Fee Payment Form, into the Cable Franchise Agreement.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR32-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CR32-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR32-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR32-2024 as amended passed.

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**CB13-2024** - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Trap-Neuter-Return Program – Establishment

Title: AN ACT establishing the Trap-Neuter-Return program for community cats, specifying the purpose and administration of the program, defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Trap-Neuter-Return program.

expires – 05/13/2024; extended – 06/17/2024; extended twice – 07/22/2024

The Chairperson moved to approve CB13-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chairperson moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones

**Amendment 1 to CB13-2024**

*(This Amendment replaces animal care organizations with community cat caregivers; clarifies that community cats are domestic animals, adds returning a community cat to its original location to the definition of disposition, redefines ear-tipped, and clarifies that community cat caregivers are not included in the definition of an owner of an animal.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Walsh and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Member Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-2024 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB13-2024 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Walsh. Abstain: Council Members Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve CB13-2024 as amended failed.

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**CB14-2024 (ZRA 205)** - Introduced by The Chair at the request of Corridor 70/32, LLC  
Short Title: (ZRA 205) Addition of certain light manufacturing uses for Flex spaces in the Planned Office Research (POR) zoning district

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Flex space land use classification of the Planned Office Research (POR) zoning district by defining the light manufacturing uses permitted as a matter of right to include “Contractor’s Office and Outdoor or Indoor Storage Facility, Self-Storage Facilities, Warehouses, Moving and Storage Establishments and Light Industrial Uses”; removing the restriction to limit the light manufacturing uses to those uses permitted in the PEC District; and generally relating to light manufacturing uses in the POR zoning district.

*expires – 05/13/2024; extended – 06/17/2024; extended twice – 07/22/2024*

The Chairperson moved to approve CB14-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB14-2024 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB14-2024 passed.

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The Chairperson moved to remove CR5-2024 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion remove CR5-2024 from the table was Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to remove CR5-2024 from the table passed.

### **Appointments**

**CR5-2024** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven Hunt to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.



The Chairperson moved to approve CR5-2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR5-2024 was Yea:  
Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CR5-2024 passed.

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Adjourned at 7:24 p.m.