



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes - Approved

### Legislative Public Hearing

Monday, July 15, 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)

7:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator to the County Council; ; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Lisa German, Acting County Auditor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Ervens Jean-Pierre, Senior Legislative Analyst, Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I and Patricia Hammond, Administrative Aide were also present.

I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Public Hearing

#### **A. Student Testimony**

CR92-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maricarmen Perez-Sarabia to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

a. Maricarmen Perez-Sarabia called to speak.

CR79-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashton Vinh-Khoa Bui to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.

a. Ashton Vinh-Khoa called to speak.

CB47-2024 – introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT establishing the Office of the Inspector General; specifying the selection, term, qualifications, and responsibilities of the Inspector General; providing for the referral of certain matters; specifying the funding and powers of

the Office of the Inspector General; requiring certain reports; establishing the Inspector General Advisory Board; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Inspector General Advisory Board; specifying the selection, term, and responsibilities of the Inspector General Advisory Board; and generally relating to the Office of the Inspector General.

CB48-2024 - introduced by Liz Walsh - AN ACT supporting the creation of the Office of the Inspector General; amending the process for whistleblower complaints; repealing certain duties of the County Auditor; amending the composition of the Howard County Ethics Commission; and generally relating to supporting the Office of the Inspector General.

- a. Sarah Pan called to speak on both CB47 and CB48-2024.

CR88-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mabelle Xinran Liu to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

- a. Mabelle Xinran Liu called to speak.

CR97-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sakshi Vineet Tirodkar to the Human Rights Commission.

- a. Sakshi Vineet Tirodkar called to speak.

CR82-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shreya Dinesh to the Recreation and Parks Board.

- a. Shreya Dinesh called to speak.

CB47 & CB48-2024

- a. McKenna Gran called to speak on both CB47 & CB48-2024.

## **B. Appointments**

CR78-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of David A. Balderson to the Board of Social Services.

- a. David A. Balderson called to speak.

CR80-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hannah Chang to the Commission for Women.

- a. Hannah Chang did not appear.

CR81-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Daddio to the Housing and Community Development Board.

- a. Matthew Daddio called to speak.

CR83-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hazel A. Domangue to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

- a. Hazel A. Domangue called to speak.

CR84-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tigana Duncan to the Housing Commission

- a. Tigana Duncan called to speak.

CR85-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rashida George to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

- a. Rashida George called to speak.

CR86-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Theodore R. Hart to the Public Ethics Commission.

- a. Theodore R. Hart called to speak.

CR87-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jimmie Jennings to the Housing and Community Development Board.

- a. Jimmie Jennings called to speak.

CR89-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xinyu Liu to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.

- a. Xinyu Liu called to speak.

CR90-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Christopher Maynard to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

- a. Christopher Maynard did not appear.

CR91-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valerie B. Montague to the Human Rights Commission.

- a. Valerie B. Montague called to speak.
- b. Amin Shehata called to speak for CR91 and CR95-2024.
- c. Malik Mohammed, Our Revolution Howard County called to speak.
- d. Lyanne Khaskia, Howard County for a Free Palestine called to speak for CR91, CR95 and CR97-2024.

CR93-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lucia Reyna to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

- a. Lucia Reyna called to speak.

CR94-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charles Alan Sharp to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel.

- a. Charles Alan Sharp called to speak.

CR95-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shannon Beasley Taitt to the Human Rights Commission.

- a. Shannon Beasley Taitt called to speak.
- b. Jake Burdett called to speak.

CR97-2024 previously read.

- b. Hiruy Hadgu called to speak.

CR96-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sean Thomas to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

- a. Sean Thomas called to speak.

### **C. Reappointments**

CR98-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dana Couch to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CR99-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Phillip Dodge to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR100-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David Drasin to the Multimodal Transportation Board.

CR101-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William Rovito to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

CR102-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gregory Schuckman to the Commission on Disabilities.

CR103-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Andre'a Watkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

CR104-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of John Way to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.

**D. General**

CB38-2024 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for members of the International Association of Firefighters Local 2000 to be effective July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025; providing classification codes for the Office of Agriculture Administrator and amending classification codes for the Consumer Protection Administrator; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

a. Anju Bennett, Administration called to speak.

CB39-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000.

a. Jamar Herry, Administration called to speak.

CB40-2024 - AN ACT adding certain positions that are appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer and removing a position that is no longer appointed by the Director of the Department of Community Resources and Services; and generally relating to the appointing authorities for Executive Exempt positions in the Howard County Code.

a. Jennifer Sager, Administration called to speak.

CB41-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and ePlus Technology, Inc. for hardware and software support offered by Cisco and NetApp, authorizing the County Executive to make changes to the Agreement, under certain conditions; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Agreement; and generally relating to the Agreement.

a. TJ Mayotte, Administration called to speak.

CB42-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Lease Agreement for the lease of approximately 16,416 square feet of space in Howard County, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Lease Agreement.

a. Jeremy Zeller, Administration called to speak.

b. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

CB43-2024 - AN ACT requiring that the owner, occupant, tenant or other person in charge of a property or premises shall provide certain entry and access; allowing certain entry in the instance that certain imminent dangers exist; and generally relating to enforcement of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations and the Zoning Regulations.

- a. Jessica Bellah, Administration called to speak.

CB44-2024 - AN ACT making emergency appropriations pursuant to Section 610(b) of the Howard County Charter and amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025 to provide additional spending authority received from the Interagency Commission on School Construction in Capital Projects E1058, Systemic Renovations, and E1059, Roofing; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

- a. Dan Lubley, Administration called to speak.

CR105-2024 -A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Board of Education Budget, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 48-2024, to account for additional funding received from the State of Maryland for capital projects; and generally relating to the Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

- a. Dan Lubley, Administration called to speak.

CR106-2024 - A RESOLUTION setting the compensation of the Howard County Alcoholic Beverages Hearing Board.

CB45-2024 – introduced by the Chair on behalf of the County Council - AN ACT amending the compensation of the members of the Board of Appeals; and generally relating to the compensation of the Board of Appeals members.

- a. Stuart Kohn, HCCA called to speak.
- b. Christopher Alleva called to speak for CB45, CB46, CB47 and CB48-2024.
- c. Alan Schneider called to speak.

CB46-2024 – introduced by the Chair on behalf of the Citizens’ Election Fund Commission – co-sponsored by Liz Walsh, Christiana Rigby and Deb Jung - AN ACT amending the Citizens’ Election Fund provision of the Code to clarify the role of certified candidates for County Executive or County Council in the Citizens’ Election Fund system; and generally related to the Citizens’ Election Fund system.

- a. Kristy Mumma, HCCA called to speak.
- b. Laura Mettle, League of Women Voters of Howard County called to speak.

- c. Suzanne Geckle, Citizens' Election Fund Commission called to speak.
- d. Alan Schneider called to speak.
- e. Joel Hurewitz called to speak.

CB47-2024 and CB48-2024 previously read.

- b. Stuart Kohn, HCCA called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- c. Lisa Markovitz, The People's Voice called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- d. Howard Johnson called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- e. Laura Mettle, League of Women Voters of Howard County called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- f. Buffy Illum called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- g. Alan Kittleman called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- h. Drew Roth, Progressive Democrats of Howard County called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- i. Kathleen Uy called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- j. Isabel Mercedes called to speak on CB47-2024.
- k. Francis Uy called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- l. Kathy Howell called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- m. Jake Burdett, Our Revolution Howard Coukinty called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- n. Alan Schneider called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- p. Joel Hurewitz called to speak on CB47 & CB48-2024.
- q. Kelly Madigan called to speak on CB48-2024.

IV. Adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

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