



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes - Unapproved

Legislative Public Hearing  
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)  
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>  
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)  
Monday, September 16, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Lisa Geerman, Acting County Auditor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Ervens Jean-Pierre, Senior Legislative Analyst, and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

- I. Call to Order at 7:03 pm
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Hearing
  - A. **Appointments**
    1. CR90-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Christopher Maynard to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
      - a. Christopher Maynard - called to speak.
    2. CR108-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Carlton J. Brown to the Board of Health.
      - a. Carlton Brown - called to speak.

3. CR109-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xavier V. Bruce to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.
  - a. Dr. Xavier Bruce - called to speak.
4. CR110-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nancy Chang, MD to the Board of Health.
  - a. Dr. Nancy Chang - called to speak.
5. CR111-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of David Ennis to the Board of Health.
  - a. David Ennis - called to speak.
6. CR112-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robin Jones Gillispie to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.
  - a. Robin Jones Gillispie, Howard County DTCS - called to speak.
7. CR113-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cristiana Little to the Human Rights Commission.
  - a. Cristiana Little - called to speak.
8. CR114-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Daniel Medinger to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
  - a. Daniel Medinger, President & Owner of Advertising Media Plus - called to speak.
9. CR115-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Samuel Oak Renner Quick to the Multimodal Transportation Board.
  - a. Samuel Oak Renner Quick - called to speak.
10. CR116-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Pedro Ramirez to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.
  - a. Pedro Ramirez - called to speak.
11. CR117-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea Rizkallah to the La Alianza Latina Commission.
  - a. Andrea Rizhallah did not appear.

12. CR118-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Allison L. Robinson to the Board of Health.
  - a. Allison L. Robinson - called to speak.
13. CR119-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Georgia M. Royalty to the Board of Health.
  - a. Georgia M. Royalty - called to speak.
14. CR120-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Johanna Clay Souder to the Board of Health.
  - a. Johanna Clay Souder - called to speak.
15. CR121-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lisa L. Steptoe to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.
  - a. Lisa L. Steptoe - called to speak.
16. CR122-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark Stevens to the Planning Board.
  - a. Mark Stevens - called to speak.
17. CR123-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Paul I. Turlington to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.
  - a. Paul Turlington - called to speak.

**B. Reappointments**

1. CR124-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Brooke Abercrombie to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.
2. CR125-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ishaan Busireddy to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
3. CR126-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Tabitha Dixon to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
4. CR127-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Amma Felix to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
5. CR128-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Mariana Izraelson to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

6. CR129-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Rosa Angelica Maymi to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection.
7. CR130-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Tiffany Murray Releford, Esquire, to the Human Rights Commission.
8. CR131-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David M. Woodruff to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.
9. CR132-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Arnettia Wyre, Esquire, MBA, to the Police Accountability Board.

**C. Financial**

1. CB50-2024 - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; amending pay scales for certain positions within Fire Management; correcting certain pay scales applicable to members of the Howard County Public Safety Dispatchers Association; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.
  - a. Anju Bennett, Howard County Office of Human Resources Administrator - called to speak.
2. CB51-2024 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Retirement Plan in order to create a Deferred Retirement Option Program for Participating Deputy Sheriffs (Deputy Sheriffs DROP); defining certain terms; establishing certain deadlines; setting forth the eligibility for Deputy Sheriffs DROP to include certain employees of the Office of the Sheriff; providing for the term of Deputy Sheriff DROP participation; providing for the termination of participation in Deputy Sheriffs DROP; requiring that certain accounts be established and maintained; setting forth provisions related to the disability, death, or retirement of Deputy Sheriffs DROP participants; and generally relating to the Howard County Retirement Plan.
  - a. Anju Bennett, Howard County Office of Human Resources Administrator - called to speak.

**D. General**

1. CB52-2024 - AN ACT amending the membership of the LGBTQIA+ Commission to add that up two members can work or attend school in the County; amending the appointment requirements for the college student; and generally relating to the LGBTQIA+ Commission. expires – 11/12/2024; extended – 12/17/2024; extended twice – 01/21/2025
  - a. Yolanda Sonnier, Administrator Howard County Office of Human Rights and Equity - called to speak.
  - b. Chris Hefty - called to speak.

**C. Financial (cont.)**

2. CB49-2024 - 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 in the Economic Development Authority for farmer grants; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.

- a. James Zoller, Howard County Office of Agriculture - called to speak.
- b. Jennifer Jones, Howard County Economic Development Authority - called to speak.
- c. Keith Ohlinger - called to speak.
- d. Lynn Moore, Owner Larriland Farm - called to speak.
- e. Howie Feaga, Merry Acres Farm - called to speak.
- f. James Brown - called to speak.
- g. Harry Singh - called to speak.
- h. Leslie Bauer, President Howard County Farm Bureau - called to speak.
- i. Tim Jones, Owner of Bowling Green Farm - called to speak

**D. General (cont.)**

2. CR133-2024 - A RESOLUTION amending a fee schedule previously adopted by the County Council to correct a fee charged by the Department of Planning and Zoning for Approved Plan Revisions.

- a. Jen Sager, Executive Assistant County Administration - called to speak

3. CR134-2024 - A RESOLUTION supporting an application to the State of Maryland for the designation of the Eastern Howard County Enterprise Zone as part of the Maryland Enterprise Zone Program.

- a. Jennifer Jones, CEO Howard County Economic Development Authority - called to speak.
- b. Lynda Eisenberg, Director Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning - called to speak.

VI. Adjourned at 9:14 pm.

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