



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes - Approved

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, October 21, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Council Member Opel Jones

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; 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 Brenda Smith, 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. CR146-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saran Djimini Toure to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
      - a. Saran Djimini Toure – called to speak.

## **B. Financial**

1. CB53-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and AAK Einstein, LLC for the lease of space located at 7031 Albert Einstein Drive, Columbia, Maryland to be used by the Board of Elections; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement

- a. Guy Mickley, Administration – called to speak.
- b. Emily Iacchei, Administration – called to speak.
- c. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak.

2. CB54-2024 - 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

- a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration – called to speak.

3. CB55-2024 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for the issuance of Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds and Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Refunding Bonds; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for the private (negotiated) sale of such bonds; providing for an escrow deposit agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement; 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, the final list of refunded bonds, and certain other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith

- a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration – called to speak.

4. CB56-2024 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$23,500,000 bonds, pursuant to a bond enabling law; 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

a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration – called to speak.

5. CB57-2024 - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement and related Quotes between Howard County, Maryland and Hurricane Electric, LLC for high-bandwidth internet services to support Howard County Government, Howard County Public School System, and the County’s Public Safety System, and for complimentary wi-fi service provided to the County’s residents at various locations; authorizing the 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.

### **C. Appointments**

1. CR117-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea Rizkallah to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

a. Andrea Rizkallah - did not speak.

2.

CR135-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James Lewis Aikens III to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

a. James Lewis Aikens III – called to speak.

3. CR136-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brandon Cogdell to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

a. Brandon Cogdell – called to speak.

4. CR137-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Daniela Flores to the La Alianza Latina Commission
  - a. Daniela Flores – called to speak.
5. CR138-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruce Fulton to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency
  - a. Bruce Fulton – did not speak.
6. CR139-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark A. Gretz to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
  - a. Mark A. Gretz – called to speak.
7. CR140-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Brent Guyton to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
  - a. Brent Guyton – called to speak.
8. CR141-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jean Sunmi Kim to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
  - a. Jean Sunmi Kim – called to speak.
9. CR142-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lois Mikkila to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency
  - a. Lois Mikkila – called to speak.
10. CR143-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Toyin Opesanmi, M.D, to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
  - a. Toyin Opesanmi – called to speak.
11. CR144-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Janeé M Pelletier to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
  - a. Janeé M Pelletier – called to speak.
12. CR145-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kyle Popkey to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

- a. Kyle Popkey – called to speak.
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- 13. CR147-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Justin Vereen to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
    - a. Justin Vereen – called to speak.
  - 14. CR148-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gabriel Zaldivar to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
    - a. Gabriel Zaldivar – called to speak.

**D. Reappointments**

- 1. CR149-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kathryn Valentine to the Housing Commission
- 2. CR150-2024 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment Gene Thomas Ryan to the Board of Appeals

**E. General**

- 1. CB58-2024 - AN ACT amending the process for the issuance and appeal of citations for violations of animal control provisions of the County Code; providing that appeals may go to the Animal Matters Hearing Board or to the District Court; providing that the Board may take certain actions; and generally relating to the enforcement of animal control provisions of the Code
  - a. Sheri Fox, Administration – called to speak.
  - b. Fran LoPresti, Animal Matters Hearing Board – called to speak.
  - c. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak.
- 2. CR151-2024 - 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 2026 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction
  - a. Cornell Brown, Administration – called to speak.

- b. Karen Biederman, Dunloggin Middle School PTA – called to speak.
  - c. Karina Fisher, Dunloggin Middle School PTA – called to speak.
  - d. Andre Gao – called to speak.
3. CB59-2024 (ZRA 207) - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Self-Storage Facilities, Indoor as a conditional use in the Business: General (B-2) zoning district, under certain conditions; and generally relating to Self-Storage Facilities, Indoor uses
- a. William Erskine, did not speak.
  - b. James Moxley, Normandy Venture Limited Partnership - called to speak.
  - c. Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizen’s Association – called to speak.
  - d. Laura Callens, Normandy Heights Community Association – called to speak.
  - e. Lara Brown – called to speak.

**E. Tabled**

- 1. CB47-2024 - LW - 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.
- 2. CB48-2024 - LW - 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.

Adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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