

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2025 Legislative Session**

**Legislative Day No. 1  
January 7, 2025**

**HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:**

The Chair called the legislative session to order at **7:00** p.m.

Chair Liz Walsh, Vice Chair Opel Jones, Council Member Deb Jung, 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; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager, Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; Nick Rinehart, Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Charity Respass, Administrative Assistant were also present.

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**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

**Introduction**

**Appointments**

**CR1-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointing – Edward Coleman – Alcohol Beverage Hearing Board

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Edward Coleman to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

**CR2-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointing – Thomas P. Horejes – Commission on Disabilities

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Thomas P. Horejes to the Commission on Disabilities.

**Reappointments**

**CR3-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment - Alicia Altamirano, Esq.- La Alianza Latina Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alicia Altamirano, Esq., to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

**CR4-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment - Santiago Carrera - La Alianza Latina Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Santiago Carrera to the La Alianza Latina Commission.

**CR5-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment- James Cecil- Planning Board.

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James Cecil to the Planning Board.

**CR6-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment- Barbara Mosier- Planning Board.

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Barbara Mosier to the Planning Board.

**CR7-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment – Steven L. Towne – Commission on Disabilities

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Steve Towne to the Commission on Disabilities.

### **Financial**

**TAO1-FY2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Transferring \$5,345,000 – C0360 Real Estate Planning and Design

**Title:** AN ACT transferring \$5,345,000 from various capital projects to capital project C0360, Real Estate Planning and Design, in order to acquire an office building located at 9755 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland.

**CB1-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Authorizing and empowering – bonds - \$2,445,000

**Title:** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,445,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

**TAO2-FY2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Transferring \$2,500,000 – E1038 Planning and Design

**Title:** AN ACT transferring \$2,500,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1038, Planning and Design, in order to fund two capital-needs studies.

**CB2-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Bond Enabling- \$2,500,000 - E1058 Systemic Renovations

**Title:** AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,500,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

### **General**

**CB3-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Multi-year Contract and related loan documents – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance funding

**Title:** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Contract and related loan documents between Howard County, Maryland and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance funding to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing units in two redevelopment projects with Enterprise Community Development, Inc. in Columbia, Maryland; authorizing the Executive to accept the terms of the Contract, under certain conditions; identifying the collateral for the Loan; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract; and generally relating to the Contract.

**CB4-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Multiyear agreement – State of Maryland, Howard County and Montgomery County- Bus Rapid Transit

**Title:** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multiyear agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Montgomery County, Maryland for the extension of certain bus rapid transit systems to Downtown Columbia; 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.

**CB5-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Amendment - Property Tax Credit – Disabled Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker or Surviving Spouse of Fallen Law Enforcement Officers or Rescue Workers.

**Title:** AN ACT amending the amount of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain law enforcement officers or rescue workers.

**CB6-2025** - Introduced by Deb Jung

**Short Title:** Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General Classification Plan Amendment

**Title:** AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County to establish the class code, pay grade, qualifications, duties, and general requirements for the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General; and generally relating to the Howard County Classification Plan.

**CB7-2025** - Introduced by Deb Jung

**Short Title:** Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General Pay Scale

**Title:** AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing pay scales for the Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County

**CB8-2025** - Introduced by Deb Jung

**Short Title:** Inspector General Advisory Board Financial Disclosure Statement

**Title:** AN ACT amending Section 22.206(c) of the Howard County Code to add the Inspector General Advisory Board to the list of boards and commissions required to file financial disclosure statements; and generally relating to financial disclosure statements.

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**Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**