



# Howard County Council

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## COUNCILMEMBERS

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### Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing  
Monday March 17, 2025  
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)  
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>  
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon), 99 and 1071(Comcast)  
7:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod; Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Jim Almon, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

#### **I. Call to Order at 7:01 pm**

#### **II. Roll Call.**

#### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **IV. March Legislation**

##### **A. Appointments**

1. **CR12-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment - Ashley Easley, PH.D. - Commission for Women.  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashley Easley, PH.D. to the Commission for Women.
  - a. Ashley Easley, PH.D. - called to speak.
2. **CR20-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment – Margaret R. Gold – Housing and Community Development Board.  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret R. Gold to the Housing and Community Development Board.

- a. Margaret Gold – did not speak
- 3. **CR27-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment- Yeimy Benitez - La Alianza Latina Commission  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Yeimy Benitez to the La Alianza Latina Commission.
  - a. Yeimy Benitez – called to speak
- 4. **CR41-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment– Theresa Thomas - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Theresa Thomas to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission.
  - a. Theresa Thomas - called to speak
- 5. **CR49-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment- Lynda Lyons- Animal Matters Hearing Board  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lynda Lyons to the Howard County -\*Animal Matters Hearing Board.
  - a. Lynda Lyons – called to speak
- 6. **CR50-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment - Kyla Nichole Cools – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kyla Nichole Cools to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board.
  - a. Kyla Cools – called to speak
- 7. **CR51-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment – William Benjamin McIntyre II– Commission on Disabilities  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Benjamin McIntyre II to the Commission on Disabilities.
  - a. William McIntyre II – called to speak
- 8. **CR52-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment – Chippella Lewis – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission  
*Title:* A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chippella Lewis to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
  - a. Chippella Lewis - called to speak.
- 9. **CR53-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
*Short Title:* Appointment- Harry Burrell – Historic Preservation Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Harry Burrell to the Historic Preservation Commission.

a. Harry Burrell - called to speak

10. **CR54-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointment- Eric L. Clark, D.C.J.- Police Accountability Board

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Eric L. Clark, D.C.J., to the Police Accountability Board.

a. Eric Clark, D.C.J. – called to speak

b. James Gormley, Police Accountability Taskforce – called to speak

## **B. Reappointments**

1. **CR55-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointing - Jennifer Broderick – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jennifer Broderick to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

2. **CR56-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointing - Theresa Forgét, SPHR, SHRM-SCP – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Theresa Forgét, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

3. **CR57-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment - Ihuoma G. Emenuga, MD, MPH, MBA – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ihuoma G. Emenuga, MD, MPH, MBA, to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

4. **CR58-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment – Alesia Richter – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alesia Richter to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

5. **CR59-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment - Kellie Rowden-Racette – Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kellie Rowden-Racette to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities.

6. **CR60-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Reappointment – Marian Vessels – Recreation and Parks Board  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Marian Vessels to the Recreation and Parks Board.

### C. Financial

1. **CB12-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Multiyear Agreement – ePlus Technology, Inc. – Cisco telephone and Webex services  
**Title:** 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 Cisco telephone and Webex services; 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.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
  - a. TJ Mayotte, Administration - called to speak.
2. **CB13-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Bond issuance, sale and delivery - \$15,000,000 bonds – Capital Project C0337  
**Title:** AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$15,000,000 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.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
  - a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration - called to speak.
3. **CR61-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Approving a Financial Assurance Plan – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit program  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION approving a Financial Assurance Plan for Howard County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit programs, in accordance with Section 4-202.1 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment.
  - a. Mark Richmond, Administration - called to speak.

## C. General

1. **CB14-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Classified service eligibility lists – Federal employees and contractors – emergency legislation  
**Title:** AN ACT providing that certain federal employees and contractors who meet the minimum qualifications for a position in the classified service may be placed on an eligibility list; generally relating to filling positions in the classified service; providing for the application of this Act; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet an emergency affecting the public health, safety, or welfare  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
  - a. Anju Bennett, Administration - called to speak
  - b. Lisa Markovitz – called to speak
  
2. **CB15-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan – Maryland Police Corps Service  
**Title:** AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan in order to authorize Police Officers with Maryland Police Corps service to purchase an additional 5 months of eligibility service and creditable service and adding provisions relating to the impact of such service on DROP II participation and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees’ Retirement Plan.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
  - a. Anju Bennett, Administration - called to speak
  
3. **CR62-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson on behalf of the County Council, and the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Appointments - Inspector General Advisory Board  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION appointing the members of the Inspector General Advisory Board; establishing the initial terms of service for the members; and generally relating to the Inspector General Advisory Board.
  - a. Dennis Raschka - called to speak.
  - b. David Salem – called to speak
  - c. Kathleen Downs – called to speak
  - d. Kathleen Sedney – called to speak

- e. Mitchell Stahm – called to speak
  - f. Steve Quisenberry – called to speak
  - g. Vernon Curry – called to speak
4. **CB16-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh  
**Short Title:** Annual Reports to County Council-County Government Website  
**Title:** AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to establish a centralized webpage for all annual reports, studies, publications, or other documents required to be submitted to the County Council and generally related to reports to the County Council.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
- a. Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association - called to speak
  - b. Laura Wisely, Elkridge Community Alliance – called to speak
  - c. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
5. **CB17-2025** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby  
**Short Title:** Geothermal Energy Devices Tax Credit Act  
**Title:** AN ACT reestablishing a tax credit exclusively for geothermal energy devices; allowing the credit to be granted only for applications related to geothermal devices filed on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the tax credit exclusively for geothermal energy devices.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*
- a. Phil Webster - called to speak
  - b. Justin Mullins – called to speak
  - c. Liz Feighner – called to speak
6. **CB18-2025** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby  
**Short Title:** Transit Orient Development (TOD) – Residential Units Exemptions  
**Title:** AN ACT Amending the definition of “Moderate income housing units”, establishing and retaining the School Surcharge rate at time of submittal of sketch plan; providing for a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Disability Income Housing Units within a Transit Oriented Development (TOD); and exempting Transit Oriented Development (TOD) residential units from the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance School Capacity Test and generally relating to Transit Oriented Developments.  
*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025.*
- a. Lisa Markovitz, The People’s Voice - called to speak

- b. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
- c. Joseph Zerafa, Columbia Social – called to speak
- d. Dana Sohr, Bridge to Housing Stability – called to speak
- e. Kevin Chin – called to speak
- f. Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society of Maryland – called to speak
- g. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak
- h. Pamela Beck – called to speak
- i. Fran LoPresti – called to speak
- j. James Cecil – called to speak
- k. Regina Lee – called to speak
- l. Laura Wisely, Elkridge Community Alliance – called to speak
- m. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of Howard County – called to speak
- n. Laura Mettle, League of Women Voters of Howard County – called to speak
- o. Mande Heinl, GCP Junction Drive LLC – called to speak
- p. Wells Obrecht, GCP Junction Drive LLC – called to speak
- q. Karina Fisher – called to speak

7. **CB19-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh

**Short Title:** Lodging Establishments – Prohibition on Hourly Room Rentals

**Title:** AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to prohibit an innkeeper or employee of a lodging establishment in Howard County from providing or offering to provide certain rooms in a lodging establishment for less than a certain period of time; and generally related to lodging establishments.

*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*

- a. Laura Wisely, Elkridge Community Alliance – called to speak
- b. Kevin Chin – called to speak
- c. Karina Fisher – called to speak
- d. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak

5. **CB20-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh

**Short Title:** Excess Surplus Revenue- Modification

**Title:** AN ACT To modify the restriction on the use of excess surplus revenue pursuant to Section 615B of the Howard County Charter in order to use excess surplus revenue from prior years to fund deferred school capital projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and generally relating to excess surplus revenue.

*expires – 05/12/2025; extended – 06/16/2025; extended twice – 07/21/2025*

- a. James Cecil - called to speak
- b. Laura Wisely, Elkridge Community Alliance – called to speak
- c. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
- d. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of Howard County – called to speak
- e. Jolene Mosley, Board of Education of Howard County – called to speak

- f. Karina Fisher – called to speak
- g. Matt Willhite – called to speak

**Adjourned at 10:50 pm**