

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2025 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No.5
April 07, 2025**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at **7:07** 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, Council Administrator; Christopher Ashman, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

APPROVE JOURNALS

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

Legislative Session – March 3, 2025
Legislative Session – March 12, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journals were: Yea: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – March 3, 2025
Monthly Meeting – March 10, 2025
Legislative Public Hearing – March 17, 2025
Legislative Work Session – March 24, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Minutes was: Yeas: Council Members Jung, Jones, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Minutes passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Appointments

- CR65-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Gabriel Moreno – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gabriel Moreno to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission
- CR66-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Dr. Brittany Francine Burch- Commission on Aging
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Brittany Francine Burch to the Commission on Aging
- CR67-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Valerie Etienne- Commission on Aging
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valerie Etienne to the Commission on Aging
- CR68-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Madison Borison, Esq.- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Madison Borison, Esq. to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR69-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Matthew Enekwe- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Enekwe to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR70-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Ashlyn M. Hood- Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashlyn M. Hood to the Advisory Board on Consumer Protection
- CR71-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointing Dr. Dana E. Edwards, DOL, to the Commission for Women
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Dana E. Edwards, DOL, to the Commission for Women
- CR72-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Xi Wang – Design Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Xi Wang to the Howard County Design Advisory Panel

CR73-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Bryan Lee Thompson- Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bryan Lee Thompson to the Howard County Agricultural Preservation Board

Reappointments

CR74-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Barbara L. Allen- Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Barbara L. Allen to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

CR75-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment- Ayesha Holmes - Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ayesha Holmes to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

CR76-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – David B. Vess – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David B. Vess to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

CR77-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Chuck Chandler - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chuck Chandler to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

CR78-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Sara Cochran - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sara Cochran to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

CR79-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Vinitha Nithianandam - Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Vinitha Nithianandam to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

Financial

CR80-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Endorsing and authorizing – Application with the Maryland Transit Administration
Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of

Transportation for grants under the Federal Transit Act and certain State transportation grants; indicating certain endorsement by the County Executive; and requiring certain copies be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation

General

CB22-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting - Howard County Flag

Title: AN ACT adopting a new flag description for Howard County, Maryland; setting out the design of the flag and the colors displayed therein

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB23-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting – Howard County Fire Prevention Code

Title: AN ACT adopting the National Fire Protection Association 1, Fire Code, 2024 Edition as the Howard County Fire Prevention Code, which sets certain fire safety requirements for structures in order to protect life and property; making certain local amendments to the Fire Code which shall include, among other things, inspection authority, charging areas for certain devices in multifamily dwellings, dryer duct materials, sprinkler systems in new day care facilities, stairwell access and lighting, fire department access, fire lane signage, requiring garages with EV chargers to have certain smoke detection systems, and generally relating to fire safety requirements and fire prevention in Howard County

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB24-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting – Howard County Building Code

Title: AN ACT adopting the International Building Code, 2024, the International Residential Code, 2024, the International Mechanical Code, 2024, the International Energy Conservation Code, 2024, and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2024 Edition; providing that such codes collectively comprise the Howard County Building Code; regulating the design, construction, alteration, improvement, or modification of a building, structure, or other related equipment; adopting certain local amendments to the Building Code; adopting penalties for the violation of the Building Code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the regulation of building and construction in Howard County

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB25-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adoption – Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing

Title: AN ACT adopting certain national codes as the Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing; adopting local amendments; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Property Maintenance Code for Rental Housing

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB26-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

Short Title: Adopting – Plumbing and Gasfitting Code

Title: AN ACT adopting the 2024 International Plumbing Code and the National Fuel Gas Code (NFPA 54-2024), as the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County in

order to protect the public health and safety by setting forth criteria for the design and installation of plumbing and gasfitting systems; adopting local amendments to the Plumbing and Gasfitting code; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County
expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB27-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Open Meetings – Waiver and Variance Requests

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that the evaluation of Protection of Wetlands, Streams, & Steep Slopes waivers and Forest Conservation variances be subject to the provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Act; and generally relating to waivers and variances

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB28-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the Howard County Council

Short Title: Fiscal Analyses – Council Legislation

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that the Code required fiscal analysis for each piece of legislation is now submitted and processed by the County Council Administrator; and generally relating to legislative fiscal analyses

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB29-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Subdivision and Land Development Regulations-Waivers- Repeal

Title: AN ACT repealing a certain waiver exception granted by the Department of Public Works for development proposals in the Tiber Branch Watershed; and generally relating to subdivision and land development regulations waivers

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB30-2025 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Membership – Human Rights Commission

Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to add certain requirements to the membership qualifications for the Howard County Human Rights Commission; and generally related to membership

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

CB31-2025 - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Inspector General Advisory Board – Technical Correction

Title: AN ACT amending the membership qualifications for the Inspector General Advisory Board to correct a technical error; and generally related to qualifications

expires – 06/16/2025; extended – 07/21/2025; extended twice – 08/25/2025

Final Consideration

Appointments

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 49; 50; 51; 52; and 54-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 49; 50; 51; 52; and 54-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 49; 50; 51; 52; and 54-2025 passed.

Reappointments

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.

CR56-2025 - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointing - Theresa Forgé, SPHR, SHRM-SCP – Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Theresa Forgé, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 55; 56; 57; 58; 59 and 60-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 55; 56; 57; 58; 59 and 60-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 55; 56; 57; 58; 59 and 60-2025 passed.

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.

The Chair moved to withdraw CR53-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to withdraw C53-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to withdraw CR53-2025 passed.

Financial

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

The Chair moved to approve CB12-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB12-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB12-2025 passed.

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

The Chair moved to approve CB13-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB13-2025

(This amendment corrects the assessable base.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB13-25 passed

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB13-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB13-25 as amended passed.

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.

The Chair moved to approve CR61-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to table CR61-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table CR61-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, and Jung. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to table CR61-2025 failed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CR61-2025 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Walsh and Jung.

The motion to approve CR61-25 failed.

General

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

The Chair moved to approve CB14-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB14

(This amendment corrects the clarifies the emergency that exists.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB14-25 passed

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB14-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB14-25 as amended passed.

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

The Chair moved to approve CB15-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB15-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB15-2025 passed.

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.

The Chair moved to approve CB62-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB62-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB62-2025 was approved.

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

The Chair moved to approve CB16-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB16-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB16

(This amendment establishes that the records covered under the bill shall be posted to the County Council webpage for a period of at least five years)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB16-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB16-25 passed

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB16-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, and Rigby. Nay: Council Member Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB16-25 as amended passed.

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

Council Member Rigby moved to approve CB17-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB17-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB17-25 passed.

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

Council Member Jung moved to table CB18-2025. The motion was not seconded. The motion failed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Council Member Jung moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB18-2025.

Amendment 1 to CB18-2025

(This amendment removes the proposed Adequate Schools Test exemption from this legislation.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Member Jung. Nay: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB18-2025 failed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 2 to CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 2 to CB18-2025

(This amendment makes technical changes and clarifies definitions and the applicable TOD District Designation)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 2 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to CB18-2025 passed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 3 to CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Walsh.

Amendment 3 to CB18-2025

(This amendment adds a requirement that 20% of all dwelling units constructed under the bill be built according to HoCo universal design guidelines; requires 5% of dwelling units to be Disability income housing units, a mix of 15-20% of housing units as Moderate income housing units, Low income housing units, or Disability Income housing units; establishes a sunset provision; and adds reporting requirements.)

Council Member Walsh moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Yungmann.

Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025

(This Amendment changes the year the Department of Housing and Community Development shall prepare and submit a report to the County Council from 2035 to 2030.)

The roll call vote to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 was Nay: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 failed.

Council Member Rigby moved to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025

(This amendment strikes "twelve" and substitutes "2037" and substitutes both with "X".)

The roll call vote to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 2 to Amendment 3 to CB18-2025 passed.

The Chair moved to table CB18-2025. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jung.

The roll call vote to table CB18-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to table CB18-2025 passed.

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

The Chair moved to approve CB19-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB19-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB19-2025 was approved.

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

The Chair moved to approve CB20-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The Chair moved to approve Amendment 1 to CB20-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Amendment 1 to CB20-2025

(This amendment strikes the references to Fiscal Year 2026 and substitutes Fiscal year 2027)

The roll call vote called the Administrator to approve Amendment 1 to CB20-2025 approve CB20-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to CB20-2025 was approved.

The Chair moved to approve CB20-2025 as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve CB20-2025 as amended was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve CB20-2025 as amended was approved.

Tabled

Appointments

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Chair moved to remove Council Resolutions 12; 27; and 41-2025 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Resolutions 12; 20; 27; and 41-2025 from the table was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolutions 12; 27; and 41-2025 from the table passed.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 12; 27; and 41-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 12; 27; and 41-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 12; 27; and 41-2025 passed.

Adjourned at 9:11pm

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