



# Howard County Council

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### Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing  
Monday, April 21, 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, Council Member Christiana Rigby, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod; Council Administrator; Christopher Ashman, County Auditor; 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 7:04 pm

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mt. Hebron Model UN Club Honorary Resolution**

**IV. Legislation**

### Appointments

**1. 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 R. Gold – called to speak.

**2. 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

- a. Gabriel Moreno, Luminus Network - called to speak.

**3. 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

- a. Dr. Brittany Burch - called to speak.

**4. 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

- a. Valerie Etienne - called to speak.

**5. 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

- a. Madison Borison, Esq. - called to speak.

**6. 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

- a. Matthew Enekwe - called to speak.

**7. 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

- a. Ashlyn M. Hood did not speak.

- 8. 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

a. Dr. Dana Edwards - called to speak.

- 9. 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

a. Xi Wang - called to speak.

- 10. 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

a. Bryan Thompson - called to speak.

### **Reappointments**

- 1. 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
- 2. 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
- 3. 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

- 4. 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

**5. 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

**6. 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**

**1. 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

- a. Clarence Dickerson, Howard County Office of Transportation - called to speak.

**General**

**1. 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*

- a. Bryan Shepter, Deputy Chief of Staff - called to speak.
- b. Jonathan Alexander - called to speak.
- c. Barb Glen - called to speak.
- d. Ellen Flynn Giles - called to speak.
- e. Coleen West - called to speak.

- f. Esen Paradiso - called to speak
- g. Phyllis Greenbaum - called to speak.
- h. Dan Flynn - called to speak.
- i. Pamela Simonson - called to speak.
- j. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

**2. 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*

- a. Robert Ferguson, Battalion Chief Dept of Fire & Rescue Services - called to speak.

**3. 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*

- a. Maria Ebraheem - called to speak.
- b. Henry Yarmus - called to speak.
- c. Andrea Lane - called to speak.
- d. Robert Frances, Director Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits - called to speak.
- e. Betsy Singer, JCRC - called to speak.
- f. Ben Roush - called to speak.
- g. Doug Siglin - called to speak.
- h. Larry Liebesman, Howard County Climate Action - called to speak.

- i. Kris Parts, AIA Maryland - called to speak.
- j. Monica O'Connor, MLC Climate Justice Wing - called to speak.
- k. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

**4. 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*

**5. 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*

**6. 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*

- a. Alex Andelsman, Maryland Building Industry Association - called to speak.
- b. Joel Hurewitz - called to speak.

**7. 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*

- a. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association - called to speak.

**8. 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*

**9. 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

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- a. Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association - called to speak.
- b. Hena Zuberi, Justice for All - called to speak
- c. Aisha Khetib - called to speak.
- d. Hiruy Hadgu - called to speak.

**10. 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

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**Adjourned at 9:40pm**

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