

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2025 Legislative Session**

**Legislative Day No.9  
June 02, 2025**

**HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:**

The Chair called the legislative session to order at **7:03** 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; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; James Almon, Senior Administrative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Brenda Smith, Administrative Aide were also present.

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**APPROVE JOURNALS**

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

Legislative Session – May 5, 2025

Legislative Session – Emergency – May 12, 2025

Legislative Session – Budget Adoption – May 21, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

The motion to approve the Journals passed.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

Budget Work Session (Capital #2) – April 23, 2025  
Budget Work Session (Capital #3) – April 28, 2025  
Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – April 28, 2025  
Budget Work Session (Operating #1) – May 5, 2025  
Budget Work Session (Operating #2) – May 7, 2025  
Budget Public Hearing (General) – May 8, 2025  
Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session – May 8, 2025  
Budget Work Session (Operating #3) – May 12, 2025  
Budget Public Hearing (Operating) – May 12, 2025  
Budget Work Session (Operating #4) – May 14, 2025  
Legislative Public Hearing – May 19, 2025

The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

### **Financial**

**CB46-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

***Short Title:*** Reestablishing – Route 1 Tax Credit

***Title:*** AN ACT reestablishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on certain commercial or industrial real property located adjacent to Route 1 that is renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; establishing a sunset provision; and generally relating to property tax credits

*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*

### **General**

**CB47-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

***Short Title:*** International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 – Collective Bargaining Agreement

***Title:*** Approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2027 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 “Human Resources” of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters, Howard County Local 2000

*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*

- CB48-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Pay Plan Amendment – Specialty Pays for Fire Management employees  
**Title:** AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to provide for certain specialty pay for management employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Service; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County  
*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*
- CB49-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Amendment of Lease Agreement – 13,500 rentable square feet – 9515 Gerwig Lane  
**Title:** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving an Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Merritt-HR, LLC for the lease of approximately 13,500 rentable square feet of space located at 9515 Gerwig Lane, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement  
*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*
- CB50-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Third Amendment of Lease Agreement – approximately 8,188 rentable square feet - 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive  
**Title:** AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a Third Amendment of Lease Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and P Portfolio Owner, LLC for the lease of approximately 8,188 rentable square feet of space located at 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement  
*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*
- CR113-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Adopting the School Capacity Chart  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION adopting the School Capacity Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the elementary school regions, and the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools constrained for new residential development during each of the following ten years as based on the definition of program capacity as defined by Howard County Public School System policy and requiring a certain joint special work meeting in accordance with Section 16.1103(d) of the Howard County Code
- CR114-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County
- CR115-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Correction – Council Resolution No. 152-2023  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION correcting the consideration included in Council Resolution No. 152-2023 that the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration would pay for certain fee simple and perpetual easements

**CB51-2025** - Introduced by Liz Walsh

**Short Title:** Speed Monitoring Systems-Removal of Limitation on Number of Speed Monitoring Systems

**Title:** AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to remove the limit on the number of Speed Monitoring Systems permitted within a designated school zone and generally related to Speed Monitoring Systems in Howard County

*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*

**CR116-2025** - Introduced by Opel Jones

**Short Title:** Schedule of Fines – Commercial Motor Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas - Citations – Department of Police

**Title:** A RESOLUTION approving a schedule of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to the enforcement of Howard County’s parking laws, specifically increasing fines for parking citations for commercial motor vehicle parking in residential areas violations; allowing the Department of Police to embark on a public education campaign about the increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking on residential areas violations; and generally relating to increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking in residential area violations

**CB52-2025** - Introduced by Opel Jones

**Short Title:** Traffic Control and Transportation – Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas – Penalties

**Title:** AN ACT to revise the penalties for parking commercial motor vehicles in residential areas and generally relating to parking of commercial motor vehicles

*expires – 08/11/2025; extended – 09/15/2025; extended twice – 10/20/2025*

### **Final Consideration**

#### **Appointments**

**CR82-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointment- Frank V. Eastham Jr.- Local Children’s Board

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Frank V. Eastham Jr. to the Howard County Local Children’s Board

**CR83-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointment- Cristiana Little - La Alianza Latina Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cristiana Little to the La Alianza Latina Commission

**CR84-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Appointment - Jeff Rubin – Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeff Rubin to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission

#### **Reappointments**

**CR85-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

**Short Title:** Reappointment - Nina Basu – Human Rights Commission

**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nina Basu to the Human Rights Commission

**CR86-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Reappointment - Dr. Daria J. Willis – Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Daria J. Willis to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

**CR87-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Reappointment – Jimmy Rhee – Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jimmy Rhee to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolutions 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; and 87- 2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 82; 83; 84; 85; 86; and 87- 2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 82; 83; 84; 85; 86 and 87- 2025 passed.

#### **Financial**

**CR81-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
**Short Title:** Appointment- Jennifer Jenkins - Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board  
**Title:** A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Jenkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

The Chair moved to table Council Resolution 81-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to table Council Resolution 81- 2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to table Council Resolution 81-2025 passed.

#### **Financial (non-Budget)**

**CB33-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
Co-sponsor(s) Opel Jones and Christiana Rigby  
**Short Title:** Public Safety Officer Tax Credit- Auxiliary Officers  
**Title:** AN ACT for purposes of the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers, amending the definition of Public Safety Officer to include Auxiliary Officers; providing the tax credit in certain instances; making certain clarifying amendments; removing redundant provisions; and generally relating to the property tax credit for real property owned by certain Public Safety Officers  
*expires – 07/14/2025; extended – 08/18/2025; extended twice – 09/22/2025*

The Chair moved to approve Council Bill 33-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 33-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 33-2025 passed.

**Tabled**

**Appointments**

**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

The Chair moved to remove Council Resolution 70-2025 from the table. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove Council Resolution 70-2025 from the table was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to remove Council Resolution 70-2025 from the table passed.

The Chair moved to approve Council Resolution 70-2025. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 70-2025 was Yea: Council Members Walsh, Jones, Jung, Rigby, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 70-2025 passed.

**Adjourned at 7:17pm**