



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon), 1071(Comcast)
July 21, 2025
7:00pm

Members Present: Council Chair Liz Walsh, Vice Chair Opel Jones, Council Member Deb Jung and Council Member Christiana Rigby were present.

Members Not Present: Council Member David Yungmann

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

Meeting called to order at: 7:29 pm.

A. Appointments

1. CR81-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Jenkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board.
 - a. Jennifer Jenkins – did not speak, will appear in September.
2. CR117-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ira R. Greenstein to the Pension Oversight Commission
 - a. Ira R. Greenstein – called to speak.
3. CR118-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark Lovelace to the Police Accountability Board
 - a. Mark Lovelace – called to speak.
4. CR120-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Keshava Dasarathy to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency

- a. Keshava Dasarathy – called to speak.
5. CR121-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Patrick Fromal to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
 - a. Patrick Fromal – did not speak, will appear in September.
6. CR122-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Meagan Braganca to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission
 - a. Meagan Braganca – called to speak.
7. CR123-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Matt Dellinger to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission
 - a. Matt Dellinger – called to speak.
8. CR124-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Steven H. Wilson to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission
 - a. Steven H. Wilson – called to speak.
9. CR125-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Ellen Flynn Giles to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026
 - a. Ellen Flynn Giles – did not speak.
10. CR126-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Valarie Montague to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026
 - a. Valarie Montague – did not speak.
11. CR127-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Kia Payne to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning

compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

- a. Kia Payne – called to speak.

12. CR128-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Rashida George to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

- a. Rashida George – called to speak.

13. CR129-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Ginnie Gick to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

- a. Ginnie Gick – called to speak.

14. CR130-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Scott Houghton to the Compensation Review Commission; providing that the Commission shall recommend the compensation and allowances of the County Council to be elected in November 2026 by Resolution not later than December 21, 2025; providing that the Commission shall make a recommendation concerning compensation and allowances of the County Executive to be elected in November 2026; and providing that the Commission shall terminate on April 30, 2026

- a. Scott Houghton – called to speak.

15. CR144-2025 - A RESOLUTION appointing Marisa McCurdy to the Howard County Board of Appeals

- a. Marisa McCurdy – called to speak.
- b. Christopher Alleva – called to speak.

16. CR131-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Walter L. Davis to the Housing and Community Development Board

17. CR132-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Phillip Dodge to the Board of Library Trustees

- a. Nicole Dvorak – called to speak.
- b. Christopher Alleva – called to speak.

18. CR133-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly L. Smith to the Board of Library Trustees

- a. Nicole Dvorak – called to speak.

19. CR134-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Andrea LeWinter to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

20. CR135-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kimberly T. Davis to the Environmental Sustainability Board

21. CR136-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Lawrence R. Liebesman to the Environmental Sustainability Board

22. CR137-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kim Pezza to the Environmental Sustainability Board

23. CR138-2025 - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Greta E. Swanson, J.D. to the Environmental Sustainability Board

24. CR139-2025 - A RESOLUTION reappointing Douglas R. Miller to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission

25. CR140-2025 - A RESOLUTION reappointing Nadine Bernard to the Citizens' Election Fund Commission

B. Financial

1. CB53-2025 - AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 66.7 acres of agricultural land located on the west side of Long Corner Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Jeffrey and Sue Harrison, or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$2,307,900 or, if less in acreage, not more than \$34,600 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the

deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith the credit; establishing a sunset provision; and generally relating to property tax credits (*expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025*)

- a. Joy Levy, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Christopher Alleva – called to speak
 - c. Ryan Powers – called to speak
2. CR141-2025 - A RESOLUTION amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Howard County Board of Education Operating Budget, as adopted by Council Resolution No. 92-2025, to add a total of \$22,646,686, which includes \$9,850,766 to the Howard County Public School System General Fund and \$12,795,920 to the School System’s restricted funds; and generally relating to the Board of Education Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
 - a. Darin Conforti, Administration – called to speak

C. General

1. CR142-2025 - A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2025- 2029 for housing including the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule, and granting delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Development to sign as the certifying officer for housing and community development plans and activities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - a. Kelly Cimino, Administration – called to speak
2. CR143-2025 - A RESOLUTION approving a comprehensive revision of the Solid Waste Management Plan as required by State Law
 - a. Mark DeLuca, Administration – called to speak
3. CB54-2025 - AN ACT amends the Howard County Code to amend the definition of new construction as it relates to the building excise tax; and generally relating to the building excise tax (*expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025*)
 - a. Christopher Alleva - called to speak
 - b. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak

- c. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
4. CB55-2025 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow Age Restricted Adult Housing as a permitted use in the Planned Employment Center (PEC) zoning district, with additional requirements; amending the Moderate-Income Housing Unit (MIHU) requirements for Age-Restricted Units in the R-SI, POR, CCT, CEF and PSC zoning districts to require at least 5% Low-Income Housing Units (LIHU) or Disability Income Housing Units (DIHU); and generally related to MIHUs (*expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025*)
- a. Fran LoPresti - called to speak
 - b. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak
 - c. Christopher Alleva – called to speak
 - d. Jared Spahn – called to speak
 - e. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
5. CB 56-2025 - AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require that Moderate Income, Low Income, and Disability Income Housing Units that are developed in an Age Restricted Adult Housing development, be developed on-site; and generally relating to Moderate, Low, and Disability Income Housing Units (*expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025*)
- a. Fran LoPresti – called to speak
 - b. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak
 - c. Will Pippen – called to speak
 - d. Ryan Powers – called to speak
 - e. Jason Van Kirk – called to speak
6. CB57-2025 - AN ACT repealing and re-enacting Subtitle 2 “Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals” of Title 2 “Administrative Procedure” of the Howard County Code to revise the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Appeals; and generally relating to the Rules of Procedure (*expires – 09/15/2025; extended – 10/20/2025; extended twice – 11/24/2025*)
- a. Stuart Kohn, HCCA – called to speak
 - b. Gene Ryan, Board of Appeals – called to speak
 - c. Lynn Foehrkolb – called to speak

- d. Christopher Alleva – called to speak
- e. Anwer Hasan – called to speak
- f. Robert Bruce – called to speak
- g. Shameika Preston – called to speak
- h. Judy Radas – called to speak
- i. Kelly Rudden – called to speak
- j. Alan Schneider – called to speak
- k. Natalie Barrett – called to speak
- l. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
- m. Mike Mulcare – called to speak
- n. Anne Kristaldi – called to speak
- o. Angela Bruce – called to speak

D. Adjourned at 10:48 pm