



Howard County Council

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Minutes – Approved

Legislative Public Hearing
Monday, September 15, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 99(Comcast)
7:00pm

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

Members Not Present: Council Member Christiana Rigby

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jen Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Nick Rinehart, Legislative Analyst; and Roz Hightower, Administrative Assistant were also present

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm.

A. Appointments

1. **CR81-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jennifer Jenkins to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
 - a. Jennifer Jenkins, called to speak
2. **CR121-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Patrick Fromal to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority
 - a. Patrick Fromal, called to speak
3. **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 called to speak

4. **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 appear

5. **CR145-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juanita A. Matthews to the Housing and Community Development Board.

a. Juanita Matthews, called to speak

6. **CR146-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephanie Al-Adhami to the Commission for Women.

a. Stephanie Al-Adhami, called to speak

7. **CR147-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Khadeja Farahmand, to the Commission for Women.

a. Khadeja Farahmand, did not appear

8. **CR148-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Anika Verma to the Commission for Women.

a. Anika Verma, Student-Howard High School, called to speak

9. **CR149-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Monica Y. Banks to the Commission on Disabilities.

a. Monica Y. Banks, did not appear

10. **CR150-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ernest Jackson Jr. to the Commission on Disabilities.

a. Ernest Jackson, called to speak - read by Isaiah Anderson

11. **CR151-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeffery Lemich to the Commission on Disabilities.

a. Jeffrey Lemich, called to speak

12. **CR152-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary Murrill to the Commission on Disabilities.
 - a. Mary Murrill, did not appear
13. **CR153-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dawn Popp to the Board of Library Trustees.
 - a. Dawn Popp, called to speak
 - b. Deeba Jafri, called to speak
14. **CR154-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Linda Fobbs to the Police Accountability Board.
 - a. Linda Fobbs, called to speak
15. **CR155-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Aanya Contractor to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission.
 - a. Aanya Contractor, Student-Marriott's Ridge High School, called to speak
16. **CR156-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nathaniel Vernon Clarke to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
 - a. Nathaniel Clarke, Student - River Hill High School, called to speak
17. **CR157-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Hemant Sai Kantheti to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission.
 - a. Hemant Kantheti, Student - Howard High School, called to speak
18. **CR158-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mark RunQi Li to the Human Rights Commission.
 - a. Mark Li, Student - River Hill High School, called to speak
19. **CR159-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Arely Ivonne Rojas to the La Alianza Latina Commission.
 - a. Arely Rojas, Student - Reservoir High School, called to speak
20. **CR160-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kylee M. Muffoletto to the LGBTQIA+ Commission.
 - a. Kylee Muffoletto, Student - Marriotts Ridge High School, called to speak
21. **CR161-2025** - LW - A RESOLUTION appointing Pravin Ponnuri 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. Pravin Ponnuri, did not appear

B. Reappointments

1. **CR162-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Rivers, to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.
2. **CR163-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kirk Thompson to the Personnel Board.
3. **CR164-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Shreya Dinesh to the Recreation and Parks Board.
4. **CR165-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mabelle Xinran Liu to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

a. Maybell Lou, Student - Marriotts Ridge High School, called to speak

C. Financial

1. **CB61-2025** - AN ACT approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 3, AFL-CIO 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 3, AFL-CIO, 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Howard County Local 3080, Council 3, AFL-CIO.

a. Jamar Herry - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Administration, called to speak

2. **CB62-2025** - AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to insert pay scales for members of Local 3080 of the American Federation of State, Local and Municipal Employees and management employees in the Department of Corrections; to amend and provide for certain specialty pays for management employees in the Department of Corrections; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

a. Anju Bennett, Human Resources Administrator, called to speak

3. **CB63-2025** - AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2026 to reflect changes in capital funding with a net reduction of \$179,000 to match final state aid received from the State's Interagency Commission on School Construction; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property.
 - a. Daniel Lubeley, Executive Director of Capital Planning and Construction - HCPSS, called to speak
4. **CB64-2025** - AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving Agreement of Lease between Howard County, Maryland and The Howard County Arts Council, Inc. for the lease of approximately 22,940 rentable square feet of space located at the Center for the Arts, Culture and History located at 8360 Court Avenue, Ellicott City, Maryland; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Chief of the Bureau of Real Estate Management - Dept. of General Services, called to speak
 - b. Coleen West, called to speak
5. **CB65-2025** - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$150,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; 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.
 - a. Rafu Ighile, Director of Finance, called to speak
6. **CR166-2025** - A RESOLUTION adopting an amended Howard County Investment Policy.
 - a. Rafu Ighile, Director of Finance, called to speak
7. **CR167-2025** - A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and among Howard County and CIR Vineyard 2 LLC, CIR Vineyard 3 LLC, CIR Vineyard 4 LLC, CIR Vineyard 5 LLC (collectively the "Facility Owner"), and John Lee Carroll Jr. and Genevive Anne Carroll (the "Landowner") for the construction and operation of a solar array located on property located at 3855 Manor Lane, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland.
 - a. Tim Lattimer, Administrator - Office of Community Sustainability, called to speak
 - b. Stu Kohn, called to speak
 - c. Paul Verchinski - Howard County Citizens Association
 - d. Luke Smith, CI Renewables, called to speak

e. Alan Schneider called to speak

8. **CR168-2025** - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that an easement and a portion of an easement for the reclaimed water system located on Fort George G. Meade containing approximately 59,574 square feet and 5,063 square feet, respectively, conveyed to Howard County, Maryland are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and a portion of the easement interest and convey the property to the fee simple owner, the Secretary of the Army; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the easement interests to the Secretary of the Army; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement interests if he finds that the easements may have a public use.

a. Emily Iacchei, Chief of the Bureau of Real Estate Management - Dept. of General Services, called to speak

9. **CR169-2025** - A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement containing approximately 3,600 square feet to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company so that BGE may extend electric service to new EV charging facilities at the Elkridge Library; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the County may have a use for the property.

a. Emily Iacchei, Chief of the Bureau of Real Estate Management - Dept. of General Services, called to speak

10. **CB60-2025** - AN ACT amending the Property Tax Credit for Seniors in order to amend certain eligibility requirements; amending the Property Tax Credit for Seniors and Retired Military in order to increase the duration of the tax credit to 10 years; and generally relating to the property tax credit for seniors and military personnel.

a. Rafu Ighile, Director of Finance, called to speak

b. Paul Verchinski, Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak

c. John Van de Vaarst, VP Legislative Affairs -National Active and Retired Federal Employees, called to speak

d. Josh Tzucker called to speak

e. Alan Schneider called to speak

11. **CB59-2025** - DJ - AN ACT amends the Howard County Code to remove the cap on the duration of the property tax credit for seniors and retired military personnel; and generally relating to the property tax credit for seniors and military personnel

a. Jerrold Elprin called to speak

b. Peter Brunner, Village in Howard, called to speak

c. Duane St. Clair, Howard County Advocates for Senior Citizen Tax Credit, called to speak

d. Angela Boyter, called to speak

- e. Paul Verchinski, Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
- f. John Van de Vaarst, VP Legislative Affairs -National Active and Retired Federal Employees, called to speak
- g. Louis Toler, called to speak
- h. Agnes Ballard, called to speak
- i. Josh Tzucker, called to speak
- j. Steve Bolen, called to speak

D. General

1. **CB66-2025** - AN ACT amending HoCo By Design, the general plan for Howard County, to include the Gateway Master Plan and recognizing that the Plan is a comprehensive, long-range redevelopment vision for the future of Gateway, an area comprising approximately 1,100 acres of commercial and industrial properties; and generally relating to planning, zoning and land use in Howard County.
 - a. Lynda Eisenberg, Director - Dept. of Planning and Zoning, called to speak
 - b. Krysta Herring, VP of Asset Management and Leasing COPT Defense Properties, called to speak
 - c. Jason Jannati, Howard County Economic Development Authoirity, called to speak
 - d. Shelley Greene called to speak
 - e. David Marker, Jewish Community Relations Council, called to speak
 - f. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition, called to speak
 - g. Frances Lopresti called to speak
 - h. Antoine Wright called to speak
 - i. Jack Powell, called to speak
 - j. Shawn MacInnes, called to speak
 - k. Cristhian Gutierrez, called to speak
 - l. Kristy Mumma, Board Member - Howard County Citizens Association, called to speak
 - m. Todd Arterburn, called to speak
 - n. Regina Lee, read by called to speak
 - o. Donald Herrara, called to speak
 - p. Alan Schneider called to speak

Adjourned at 11:11 pm