



Howard County Council

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Minutes – Approved

CIP and Operating Budget Work Session #1
Monday, May 5, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and WebEx)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
10:00 a.m.

Chair Walsh opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Council members present: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Christopher Ashman County Auditor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; and Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Aide were also present.

Administration staff: Noted below.

Agenda

Revenue Overview

Howard County Budget Director Dr. Holly Sun presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the revenues for the proposed FY 26 budget. There was a general discussion about the County's revenue, interest income and General Fund balance. Dr. Sun responded to questions regarding the County Executive's proposed FY26 cost savings measures, cost shifts from the State to the County, and revenues for the Howard County Public School System.

Howard Community College

Dr. Daria Willis, Dr. Ty Stone, and Dr. Shantay provided a brief statement on Howard County Community College's proposed budget requests. They responded to Council questions about the status of current capital projects, the current status of union negotiations, employee turnover, and the Community College's outsourcing of their human resources operations to a private entity.

Howard County Library System

Tonya Aikens provided opening remarks on the library system's budget request and responded to Council questions regarding the funding terms of a contract with the Library System's Union.

Howard County School System

Superintendent Bill Barnes, Darin Conforti, Brian Hull, and Howard County School Board Chair Jolene Mosley, provided the Council with a presentation about the school systems operating budget request. There was a general discussion regarding the steps the school system may have to undertake if the budget request is not fully funded and the State Education Blueprint law effects. There was also discussion about the County's proposed Operating Budget school funding proposals.

Councilwoman Walsh closed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

5/5/2025 Education CIP & Operating Work Session Attendee List:

Revenue Overview

Holly Sun
Brook Mamo
Yousuf Ahmad
Paul McIntyre

Colbi Dorman
Dave Larner
Diane Morris
Jahantab Siddiqui

Howard County Board of Education

Antonia Watts
Meg Ricks
Dr. Linfeng Chen
Jackie McCoy
Jennifer Mallo
Jolene Mosley
Andrea Chamblee

Howard Community College

Dr. Daria Willis
Dr. Ty Stone
Dr. Shantay Grays
Zoe Irvin
Jarrett Carter
Minah Woo
Stephanie Wall
Jane-Ellen Miller
Anne Johnson
Chuck Nightingale

Howard County Public School System

Bill Barnes
Dr. Karalee Turner-Little
Darin Conforti
Jennifer Robinson
Tim Rogers
Ebony Langford Brown
Caroline Walker
Stephen Cowles
Brian Hull
Cornell Brown
Brian Bassett
Michael Carson
Dr. Richard Jeffries
Maira Lazdins
Herb Savje
Justin Benedict

Tyrone Boyd
Mike Popp
Travis Hopkins
Shelly Bilello
Sarah Angerer

Howard County Library System

Tonya Aikens
Angela Brade
Dorna Anderson
Marcy Leonard

Finance

Rafiu Ighile
Angie Price
John Vu

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