



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Closed Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Immediately following Council's Budget Public Hearing

George Howard Building, C. Vernon Gray Room

10:00 a.m.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at **10:11 a.m.** in the C. Vernon Gray room.

Council Members Present for the Closed Session: Liz Walsh; Opel Jones; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Chris Ashman, County Auditor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager, Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer; and Anju Bennett, Administrator Human Resources.

At the end of the Council's Thursday, May 8, 2025, Budget Public Hearing, the Council determined the need for a Closed Session. The open portion of which was held in the Banneker Room. Chair Liz Walsh moved that the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter, the topic was compensation, employment, performance evaluation, and assignment of one or more specific employees. Council Member Opel Jones seconded the motion.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Liz Walsh, Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, and David Yungmann. The motion to close the meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland passed.

The Council moved to the C. Vernon Gray room to meet in closed session.

Action taken during closed session:

Council authorized the Council Auditor to work with Human Resources regarding a conditional offer of employment for a candidate for the Deputy Auditor position.

Council authorized the County Administrator and Council Auditor to work with Human Resources regarding the evaluation of two specific employees' compensation.

Council did not approve a change in assignment for two specific employees.

Council Member Yungmann moved to renew a contract for one specific person. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to renew a contract for one specific person was: Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung and Walsh. The motion to renew a contract for one specific person passed.

The closed session ended at **11:16 a.m.**

Statement of Closed Session

As required by Section 3-306(c)(2), of the *General Provisions* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of May 8, 2025. The County Council met in closed session at 10:11 a.m. on May 8, 2025, in the C. Vernon Gray Room, pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss a personnel matter, the topic was compensation, employment, performance evaluation, and assignment of one or more specific employees.

The topics actually discussed were compensation, employment, and assignment of one or more specific employees.

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Council did not approve a change in assignment for two specific employees.

Council Member Yungmann moved to renew a contract for one specific person. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to renew a contract for one specific person was: Yea: Council Members Rigby, Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung and Walsh. The motion to appoint renew a contract for one specific person passed.

The following people were present at the closed session:

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