



Howard County Inspector General Advisory Board

George Howard Building
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BOARD MEMBERS

David Salem, Chair
Kathleen Downs, Vice-Chair
Vernon Curry
Steven Quisenberry
Dennis Raschka
Katy Sedney
Mitchell Stahn

Minutes - Unapproved

Inspector General Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
6:30 p.m.

Advisory Board Members Present: Chair David Salem, Vice Chair Kathleen Downs, Vernon Curry, Dennis Raschka, and Katy Sedney

Staff Present: Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Kristi Johnson-Ford, Deputy Human Resources Administrator; Nicholas Rinehart, Senior Administrative Analyst, and Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I, were also present.

Chair Salem opened the meeting at 6:30pm. The open portion of the meeting was held in the C. Vernon Gray Room

1. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025

Chair Salem moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Downs.

The motion to approve the September 18 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

2. Follow Up on Public Hearing for Rules of Procedure Draft

Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I, gave an update to the Board on the public hearing for the Board's proposed Rules of Procedure. Mr. Anderson confirmed that the advertisement for the public hearing is to be published in two local newspapers at least 30 days ahead of the public hearing on October 30th at 7 pm in the Banneker Room.

There was general discussion with Board members regarding the public hearing process and whether the Board is required to accept recommendations and suggestions from the public.

3. Other Business

Chair Salem asked if the Board had any other business they would like to discuss during the open portion. No Board members had any additional items to discuss.

At the end of the Board's September 25th, 2025, meeting, the Board determined the need for a Closed Session. Chair Salem 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 appointment of one or more specific employees. Vice-Chair Downs seconded the motion.

The roll call vote called by Mr. Rinehart on the motion was: Yea: Chair David Salem, Vice-Chair Kathleen Downs, Mr. Vernon Curry, Mr. Dennis Raschka, and Ms. Katy Sedney. Absent from the Open Meeting: Mr. Steve Quisenberry and Mr. Mitch Stahm.

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 Inspector General Advisory Board remained in the C. Vernon Gray Room to meet in closed session.

The Open Session adjourned at 6:37 p.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 Inspector General Advisory Board's Closed Session of September 25, 2025. The Inspector General Advisory Board met in closed session at 6:40 p.m. on September 25, 2025, in the C Vernon Gray Conference 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 appointment of the Inspector General.

Kristi Johnson-Ford, Deputy Human Resources Administrator, appeared before the Board to answer various human resources related questions regarding the appointment of the Inspector General.

Actions taken during the closed session were as follows:

The Board discussed adding an additional candidate for the second round of interviews for the Inspector General position. A motion was made to offer a second interview to an additional candidate. The motion was approved unanimously, 4-0.

The following people were present at the closed session:

Board Members Present: Chair Salem, Vice Chair Downs, Mr. Curry, Mr. Raschka, and Ms. Sedney.

Mr. Curry left the Closed Session early.

Staff present: Amanda Mihill, Senior Assistant County Solicitor, Kristi Johnson-Ford, Deputy Human Resources Administrator, Nicholas Rinehart, Senior Administrative Analyst; and Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant.

The closed session ended at **7:25 p.m.**

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