



# Howard County Council

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## Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing Continuation  
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)  
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>  
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)  
Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Liz Walsh, Council Members Jung, Rigby and Yungmann

**Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Theodore Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 7:11 p.m.

### **A. Student/Parents with children Testimony**

**CB69-2025** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive  
AN EMERGENCY ACT amending the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 in order to strike a condition placed on Capital Project, L0020, New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation; and declaring that this Act is an Emergency Bill necessary to meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property

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### Combined Testimony

a. Yashna Guglani - called to speak

- b. Tayden White – called to speak
- c. Patrick Hughes – called to speak
- d. Gwynn Hughes – called to speak

**B. Financial**

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- a. Felix Facchine, Administration - called to speak.
- b. Tonya Aikens, Howard County Library System – called to speak
- c. Rob Mentz, Howard County Library System – called to speak
- d. Marcy Leonard – called to speak
- e. Tina Horn, Luminus Network – called to speak
- f. Truth Thomas – called to speak
- g. Roger Chang– called to speak
- h. Michelle Hinojosa-Melencio, Wilde Lake Community Assoc. – called to speak
- i. James Karantonis – called to speak
- j. Amanda Hof, Howard County Tourism Council – called to speak
- k. Rory Murray, Howard County Chamber – called to speak
- l. Shamioka Preston – did not appear
- m. Griffin Lofft, Howard Progressive Project – called to speak
- n. Brandon Cogdell, Wilde Lake Community Association – called to speak
- o. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak
- p. Paul Verchinski – called to speak
- q. Sally Kearney – called to speak
- r. Ryan Powers – called to speak
- s. Mary Ka Nippard Kanahan, Columbia Downtown Housing Corp.– called to speak
- t. Barbara Lawson – called to speak
- u. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
- v. Peter Engel, Housing Commission – called to speak
- w. Joe Zerafa, Columbia Social – called to speak

- x. Glenn Schneider, The Horizon Foundation – called to speak
- y. Diana Lyles – did not appear
- aa. Arinze Ifekauche – called to speak
- bb. Collin Sullivan – called to speak
- cc. Carrie Britt, PATH – called to speak
- dd. Jennifer Jones, HoCo. Economic Development Authority – called to speak
- ee. Mary Williams – called to speak
- ff. Stephen McGovern – called to speak
- gg. William Santos – called to speak
- hh. Paul Casey – called to speak
- ii. Tim Singleton, HoCo. Poetry and Literature Society – called to speak

3. **CB 74-2025** - AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations in accordance with HoCo By Design, the General Plan, to add certain definitions related to certain agricultural, farming and farm alcohol producer uses; to amend requirements for an Agritourism Special Farm Permit and to add a new small-scale Agritourism Use; to add Incidental Outdoor Stays as a Special Farm Permit use; to amend Bed and Breakfast Inn use on Agricultural Land Preservation Program properties and allow under Special Farm Permit; to amend uses and certain restrictions for Agricultural Land Preservation Program properties; to amend Limited Social Assembly use and renamed to Rural Venue Space; to amend the Farm Winery and Brewery use to Farm Alcohol Producer; to make certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations

- a. Lynda Eisenberg, Administration - called to speak.
- b. Secretary Kevin Atticks, MD. Dept. of Agriculture– called to speak
- c. Cathy Hudson, HoVo Agricultural Preservation – called to speak
- d. Rory Murray, HoCo Chamber – called to speak
- e. Leslie Bauer, HoCo Farm Bureau – called to speak
- f. Luis Cunningham, Mary’s Land Farm – called to speak
- g. Joan Pontius – called to speak
- h. Stu Kohn, Howard County Citizen Association – called to speak
- i. Jennifer Jones, HoCo Economic Development Authority- called to speak
- j. Ann Jones – called to speak
- k. James Zoller, Hoco Office of Agriculture – called to speak
- l. Howie Feaga – called to speak
- m. Clarie Iacey – called to speak
- n. Maura Cahill – called to speak
- o. Barbara Glenn – called to speak
- p. Denise Sharp – called to speak
- q. Travis Johnson – did not appear
- r. Ryan Powers – called to speak
- s. Kenneth Moreland – called to speak
- t. Jamie McIntosh, Gentle Giants Draft Horse Rescue – called to speak

- u. Barbara Sullivan – called to speak
- v. Walter Johnson – called to speak
- w. Alexis Young, Here We Grow Stables LLC – called to speak

**C. Adjourned at 10:58 p.m.**