



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Special Meeting to Hold Closed Session
Monday, December 1, 2025
George Howard Building, Banneker Room
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
6:00 p.m.

The Chairperson convened the closed session at **6:13 p.m.** in the Council's Large Conference Room.

Council Members Present for the Special Meeting to Determine Closed Session: Liz Walsh, Opel Jones; Deb Jung, and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant.

The County Council held a Special Meeting to determine the need for a closed session on December 1, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. The open portion of the meeting was held in the Banneker Room.

During the open portion of the meeting, there was discussion by Council members regarding their intent to conduct any voting action in an open session. Therefore, if determined a closed session was necessary, the Council would reconvene back in open session in the Banneker Room.

Chair Liz Walsh moved that the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the County Council has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The topics are performance, removal, and resignation of one or more Board Members and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter. 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, and David Yungmann.

The motion to close the meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland passed.

The Council moved from the Banneker Room to the Council's Large Conference Room to meet in closed session.

The Council discussed performance, removal, and resignation of one or more Board Member and obtained legal advice regarding that topic. No actions were taken by Council during the Closed Session.

The closed session ended at **7:37 p.m.**

The Council reconvened in open session at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. No further business or discussion took place by the Council.

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 December 1, 2025. The County Council met in closed session at 6:13 p.m. on December 1, 2025, in the Council's Large Conference Room, pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the County Council has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The topics are performance, removal, and resignation of one or more Board Members and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter.

The topics actually discussed were performance, resignation, or removal of one or more Board Members, and legal advice regarding these topics. No actions were taken by Council during the closed session.

The following people were present at the closed session:

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; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Kristen Perry, Deputy County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; and Tsega Girma Kyere, Senior Attorney.

The closed session ended at **7:37 p.m.**

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