



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Special Meeting and Closed Session

Monday, December 22, 2025

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

12:00 p.m.

The Chairperson convened a special meeting at **12:02 p.m.** virtually via WebEx.

Council Members Present for the Special Meeting to Determine Closed Session: Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, 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 discuss generally the status of Board of Appeals resignations. Dr. Jones provided a brief summary of his understanding regarding resignations, specifically since there was not a vote by the Council as a Body to accept BOA resignations, none of the resignations were properly accepted. There was general discussion regarding the status of resignations and requests to rescind. Ms. Jung suggested that the topic should be discussed in closed session. Mr. Yungmann indicated there was a need to have follow up discussions with various Board members. Ms. Walsh indicated her understanding was that resignations could not be rescinded.

The Council then determined the need for a closed session on December 22, 2025, at 12:22 p.m.

During open session, Chair Opel Jones 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 Christiana Rigby seconded the motion.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, Liz Walsh, 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 virtual WebEx for the special meeting was recessed at 12:22 p.m., and another virtual WebEx was started for the closed session.

The Council discussed performance, removal, and resignation of one or more Board Members and obtained legal advice regarding that topic. The following actions were taken by Council during the Closed Session:

- Ms. Walsh made a motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.
- Ms. Jung made a motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. The motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member failed.
- The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member was: Yea: Council Member Walsh. Nay: Council Members Rigby, and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Members Jones, and Jung. The motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member failed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to remain in closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remain in closed session was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. The motion to remain in closed session passed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Abstain: Council Members Rigby, and Walsh. The motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member failed.

- Ms. Rigby made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Abstain: Council Member Rigby. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member failed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member passed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member passed.
- Ms. Jung made a motion to accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to not accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Members Rigby. The motion to accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member failed.

The closed session ended at **2:56 p.m.**

The Council reconvened in open session at 3:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. No further business or discussion took place by the Council.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:04 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 County Council's closed session of December 22, 2025. The County Council met in closed session at 12:22 p.m. on December 22, 2025, virtually via WebEx, 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. The following actions were taken by Council during the Closed Session:

- Ms. Walsh made a motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.
- Ms. Jung made a motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. The motion to amend removal of a specific Board of Appeals Member to suspend a specific Board Member failed.
- The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member was: Yea: Council Member Walsh. Nay: Council Members Rigby, and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Members Jones, and Jung. The motion to remove a specific Board of Appeals Member failed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to remain in closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to remain in closed session was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. The motion to remain in closed session passed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member

Jung. Abstain: Council Members Rigby, and Walsh. The motion to not accept the resignation of a second specific Board Member failed.

- Ms. Rigby made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Abstain: Council Member Rigby. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a second specific Board Member failed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of the first specific Board Member passed.
- Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member: Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jung. Absent: Council Member Walsh. The motion to accept the withdrawal of a resignation of a third specific Board Member passed.
- Ms. Jung made a motion to accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh. The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to not accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member was: Yea: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Members Rigby. The motion to accept the resignation of the second specific Board Member failed.

The following people were present at the closed session:

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

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; and Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor.

The closed session ended at **2:56 p.m.**

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