



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Special Meeting and Closed Session Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
George Howard Building, Banneker Room
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
6:30 p.m.

The Chairperson convened a special meeting at **6:38 p.m.** in the Council's Large Conference Room.

Council Members Present for the Special Meeting to Determine Closed Session: Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, 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 Roz Hightower, Administrative Assistant.

The County Council held a Special Meeting to determine the need for a closed session on January 20, 2026, at 6:34 p.m. The open portion of the meeting was held in the Banneker Room.

The Council then determined the need for a closed session on January 20, 2026, which convened at 6:38 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, 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 of one or more Board Members and obtained legal advice regarding that topic. The no actions were taken by Council during the Closed Session.

The closed session ended at **6:44 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 January 20, 2026. The County Council met in closed session at 6:38 p.m. on January 20, 2026, 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 topic actually discussed was performance of one or more Board Members, and legal advice regarding these topics. The 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: Opel Jones; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; 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 **6:44 p.m.**

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