



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Legislative Public Hearing

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

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Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Members: Jung, Walsh, and Yungmann

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jim Almon, Senior Legislative Analyst; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; and Trish Hammond, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 p.m.

A. Appointments

1. **CR147-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Khadeja Farahmand, to the Commission for Women
 - a. Khadeja Farahmand- did not appear
2. **CR176-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Nicole Harris to the Commission for Transitioning Students with Disabilities
 - a. Nicole Harris – did not appear
3. **CR201-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephanie Gonzalez to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council
 - a. Stephanie Gonzalez – called to speak
4. **CR203-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Laura Crovo to the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordination Council

- a. Laura Crovo – called to speak
5. **CR211-2025** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Valoria Walker to the Commission on Aging
- a. Valoria Walker – did not appear
6. **CR1-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juan Rafael Albertorio-Diaz to the La Alianza Latina Commission
- a. Juan Rafael Albertorio-Diaz – did not appear
7. **CR2-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shuchi Vera to the Recreation and Parks Board
- a. Shuchi Vera - called to speak
8. **CR3-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chuck Chandler to the Multimodal Transportation Board
- a. Chuck Chandler - called to speak
9. **CR4-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeremy Dommu to the Multimodal Transportation Board
- a. Jeremy Dommu – did not appear
10. **CR5-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John Mobley to the Board of Electrical Examiners
- a. John Mobley – did not appear
11. **CR6-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of James R. Bartlett to the Historic Preservation Commission
- a. James Bartlett – did not appear
12. **CR7-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ricky Snell to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
- a. Ricky Snell - called to speak
13. **CR8-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Juan Valdez to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families

- a. Juan Valdez – did not appear

B. Reappointments

1. **CR9-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Casey to the Housing Commission
2. **CR10-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kevin Hill to the Board of Electrical Examiners
3. **CR11-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Paul Rivers to the Police Accountability Board
 - a. Chris Alleva – called to speak
4. **CR12-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nellie Hutt, Esquire, to the Police Accountability Board as a member and as Chairperson
 - a. Angie Page, Police Accountability Task Force for Howard County – called to speak
5. **CR13-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Renee Bitner to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
6. **CR14-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Kilkenny to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
7. **CR15-2026** - A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Henry to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
8. **CR16-2026** – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly Palich, M.A. CIG, to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
9. **CR17-2026** – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Kelly Proctor to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board
10. **CR18-2026** – A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Victoria A. Myles to the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Board

C. Financial

1. **TAO1-FY2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT transferring \$7,600,000 from various School System capital projects to capital project E1036, Oakland Mills Middle School Addition and Renovation, in order to address a budget shortfall on that project
 - a. Daniel Lubeley, Administration – called to speak
2. **CB1-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$7,600,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of a capital project, more particularly described in the County's Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond and grant anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration – called to speak
3. **CB2-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT amending the Property Tax Credit for Credit for disabled law enforcement officers or rescue workers or surviving spouses of fallen law enforcement officers or rescue workers in order to align with State law; defining certain terms; amending certain definitions; amending the number of years of the disability or death that applies to the eligibility of a surviving spouse or cohabitant; making certain technical changes; and generally relating to property tax credits
 - a. Rafiu Ighile, Administration - called to speak

D. General

1. **CB3-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to allow accessory dwelling units in Howard County under certain conditions; to define certain terms; to allow two-family dwellings as a matter of right in the RC, RR, R-ED, R-20 and R-12 Zoning Districts under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling unit for accessory apartment and to allow accessory dwelling units as accessory uses in the R-H-ED, R-A-15, R-APT, R-MH, R-VH, HO, HC, TOD, CAC and TNC Zoning Districts, under certain conditions; to substitute accessory dwelling units for temporary accessory family dwellings in certain zoning districts; to make certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations
 - a. Lynda Eisenberg, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Lisa Markovitz, The People's Voice – called to speak

- c. Dana Sohr, Housing Affordability Coalition of Howard County – called to speak
 - d. Cindy LaFollette – called to speak
 - e. Michael Comberiate – called to speak
 - f. Fran LoPresti – called to speak
 - g. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
 - h. Steve Miller, Howard County Association of Realtors – called to speak
 - i. Pam Beck – called to speak
 - j. Karen Mosel – called to speak
 - k. Deborah Clutts – called to speak
 - l. Shamieka Preston – called to speak
 - m. Chris Alleva – called to speak
 - n. James Sanders, Citizens for Age Friendly Howard County – called to speak
 - o. Laura Blair – called to speak
 - p. Anthony DeBella – called to speak
 - q. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of Howard County – called to speak
 - r. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
 - s. James Bell – called to speak
 - t. David Ager – called to speak
 - u. Megan Brauner – called to speak
 - v. Laura Mettle, League of Women Voters of Howard County – called to speak
2. **CB4-2026 (ZRA 219)** AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to implement the General Plan's recommendations for housing in activity centers, including defining activity center; providing that certain types of development projects in the TOD or TNC zoning districts shall provide more than one housing type; and adding regulations for age-restricted adult housing in the TOD zoning district; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations
- a. Mary Kendall, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Jackie Eng, Housing Affordability Coalition – called to speak
 - c. Brent Loveless, PTA Council of Howard County – called to speak
 - d. Lisa Markovitz, The People's Voice – called to speak
3. **CR19-2026** - A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 16.124 of the Howard County Code, adopting a comprehensive revision of the Howard County Landscape Manual as the technical manual used to prepare landscape plans; and generally relating to landscaping in Howard County
- a. Chad Edmondson, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Samer Alomer – called to speak
 - c. Chris Alleva – called to speak

4. **CR20-2026** A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a 30-foot Public Sewer and Utility Easement containing approximately 28,650 square feet or 0.658 acres is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the easement and convey the property interest to the fee simple owner, James Edward Roberts and Tricia B. Roberts; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to terminate the easement and convey the property interest; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the easement and convey the property if he finds that the easements may have a public use
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
5. **CR21-2026** A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that 1.063 acres of land owned by Howard County, Maryland located on Corridor Road in Savage, Maryland is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the property to the Savage Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that it may have a further public use.
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Administration – called to speak
 - b. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
6. **CR22-2026** A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a private road easement and use in common easement serving County property located on College Avenue in Ellicott City are no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to terminate and quitclaim the County's interest, if any, in and to a private road easement and a use in common access easement to the owners of the adjacent properties: Ingrid Wilson and Michael Joseph Coffey; Patricia Driscoll and John Eric Morris; and Diane E. Caruso, the Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia E. Sadler; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to quitclaim the private road easement and the use in common access easement if he finds that the private road easement and use in common easement may have a further public use
 - a. Emily Iacchei, Administration – called to speak

7. **CB5-2026** AN ACT requiring the resumes or other biographical information of all appointments to a Howard County Board or Commission, be posted on the County government website; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions
 - a. Stuart Kohn, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
 - b. Alicia Wilmes – called to speak
 - c. Joel Hurewitz – called to speak
8. **CB6-2026** AN ACT prohibiting members of the Howard County Ethics Commission from serving on other Howard County Boards or Commissions while serving as a current member of the Howard County Ethics Commission; and generally relating to the Howard County Ethics Commission
 - a. Alicia Wilmes – called to speak
 - b. Ryan Powers, Howard County Citizens Association – called to speak
 - c. Joel Huerwitz – called to speak

E. Adjourned at 10:26 p.m.