



Howard County Council

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Minutes – Approved

Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>
10:00 a.m.

Councilmembers present: Liz Walsh, Christiana Rigby, and Deb Jung.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Yusef Ibrahim, Deputy Council Administrator; Janine McGregor, Acting County Auditor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Isiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Jim Almon, Legislative Analyst; Melinda Massey, Fiscal Manager; Owen Kahn, Fiscal Manager; Patricia Hammond, Administrative Assistant.

Vice Chair Rigby opened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Monthly Meeting Agenda

1. Maryland’s Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Vincent DeMarco the President of Maryland Citizens’ Health Initiative and Andrew York, the Executive Director of the [Maryland Prescription Drug Affordability Board](#) (“MPDAB”) provided the Council with an overview of the MPDAB and healthcare affordability in general. Mr. DeMarco also discussed legislation under consideration by the Maryland General Assembly.

The Council Members asked Mr. DeMarco and Mr. York questions regarding Pharmacy Benefit Managers and the [Maryland Achieving Healthcare Efficiency through Accountable Design \(“AHEAD”\) Model](#).

Mr. DeMarco also spoke about [Senate Bill 987 – Corporate Income Tax – Addition Modification – Direct – to- Consumer Pharmaceutical Advertising](#). The Council members agreed to draft a letter to the Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Committee in support of the legislation.

2. Reports (submitted)

- a. MACo/NACo
- b. Chairperson
- c. Council Administrator
- d. County Auditor

The Vice Chair closed the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

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