



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Capital Budget Public Hearing
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed at cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)
Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Council Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Liz Walsh, and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Yusef Ibrahim, Deputy Administrator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant; Owen Kahn, Fiscal Manager II; Melinda Massey, Fiscal Manager I; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

- I. Called to Order at 6:13 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Hearing
 - A. Students Called
 - a) Mabelle Liu – called to speak for HCPSS Capital Budget.
 - b) Duncan Brooks – called to speak for General County Capital Budget.
 - c) Maeve Flanagan – called to speak for HCLS Capital Budget.
 - B. Howard County Public School System Capital Budget
 - a) William Barnes, Superintendent HCPSS – called to speak.
 - b) Dr. Linfeng Chen, Board of Education – called to speak.

c) Anthony DeBella – called to speak.

C. Howard County Community College Capital Budget

a) Maureen Evans, Vice Pres. External Affairs, Howard Community College – called to speak.

b) Vivian Lawyer, HCC Board of Trustees – called to speak.

D. Howard County Library Capital Budget

a) Tonya Aikens, President HCLS – called to speak.

b) Rob Mentz, Chair HCLS Board of Trustees – called to speak.

c) Anne Santos, Friends & Foundation of HCLS – called to speak.

d) Tara Hart, HoCo PoLitSo – called to speak.

e) Angie Boyter – called to speak.

E. Howard County General Government Capital Budget

a) Jessica Zuniga, Vice Pres Columbia Downtown Housing Corp. – called to speak.

b) Anthony DeBella – did not speak.

c) Zack Dickerson – called to speak.

d) Kevin Chin – called to speak.

Adjourned at 7:19 pm

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