



# Howard County Council

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### Minutes - Approved

Operating Budget Public Hearing  
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)  
Video Streamed at [cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us](https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us)  
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071 (Comcast)  
Monday, April 27th, 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 Senior Administrative Analyst; Owen Kahn, Fiscal Manager II; Melinda Massey, Fiscal Manager I; and Virginia Gambrell, Administrative Aide were also present.

- I. Called to Order at 6:04pm
- II. Roll Call.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. FY2027 Capital Budget
  - A. Students Called
    1. Liam Hartner, FFA student - called to speak for HCPSS Operating Budget.
    2. Jaelyn Velisek – did not appear.

**B. Howard County Public School System**

1. Bill Barnes, Superintendent HCPSS - called to speak.
2. Brian Hull, HCPSS CFO - called to speak
3. Jennifer Webster, HCPSS CAO - called to speak.
4. Meg Ricks, Vice Chair HoCO School Board - called to speak.
5. Linfeng Chen - called to speak.
6. Ben Schmitt, President HCEA - called to speak.
7. Yi Han - called to speak.
8. Katie Murdza - called to speak.
9. Anthony Fulmore - called to speak.
10. Erin Parker - called to speak.
11. Karina Fisher, Exec. Vice President PTACH - called to speak.
12. Anthony DeBella - called to speak.
13. Cindy Lafolette - called to speak.

**C. Howard Community College**

1. Dr. Daria Willis, President HCC – called to speak.
2. Vivian Lawyer, Chair HCC Board of Trustees - called to speak.
3. Deanne Alexander - called to speak.
4. Steve Abler - called to speak.

**D. Howard County Library System**

1. Tonya Aikens, President & CEO HCLS - called to speak.
2. Liz Banach, HCLS Board of Trustees - called to speak.
3. Tiffany Tupper - called to speak.

**E. General County**

1. Amanda Hof, Tourism Council - called to speak.
2. Aaron Shapiro, Director Patapsco Heritage Greenway - called to speak.

**V. Adjourned at 7:51pm**

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