



THE HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT Office of the County Auditor

MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2026

MEMO TO: Council Members

Calvin Ball
County Executive

FROM: *Janine McGregor*
Janine McGregor, CPA, CISA
Acting County Auditor

SUBJECT: Exit Audit – Chris Ashman

Pursuant to Section 213 of the Howard County Charter, “upon the death, resignation, removal or expiration of the term of any County administrative officers, the County Auditor shall cause an audit and investigation of the accounts maintained by the officer, and by his or her department, office or agency, to be made.” We have conducted an exit audit for Chris Ashman, County Auditor, through the end of his employment, effective March 2, 2026.

The objectives of our review were to determine whether:

- The County’s procedures for separation of employment were followed.
- The accounts maintained by the County Auditor were in order.
- The County Auditor’s access to County systems had been terminated.
- The County Auditor’s earnings on his final earnings statement were accurate.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Our audit did not disclose any findings that warrant mention in this report. We found that County procedures were followed in the County Auditor’s separation from County employment. The accounts maintained by the County Auditor were in order and expenditures were within reasonable parameters. The County Auditor’s access to County systems was fully terminated in accordance with County procedures. In addition, the County Auditor’s earnings on his final earnings statement were accurate.

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We wish to express our gratitude to the Administration for the cooperation and assistance extended to us during the course of this engagement.

cc: Brandee Ganz, Chief Administrative Officer
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