



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Monthly Meeting

Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us>

September 14, 2026

10:00 am

Chair Jones opened the meeting at 10:02 am.

Members present: Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Councilmembers: Deb Jung, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann.

Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council; Janine MacGregor, Acting County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor, Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Yusef Ibrahim, Deputy Administrator to the County Council; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Nick Rinehart, Legislative Analyst, and Owen Kahn, Fiscal Manager II.

Agenda

1. Annual Meeting with Inspector General

Kelly Madigan, Inspector General, appeared before the Council to give the annual update and overview of the activities of the Office of Inspector General (OIG). She was accompanied by David Salem, the Chair of the Inspector General Advisory Board (IGAB). Frank Lopez, Deputy Inspector General, was also present virtually.

Ms. Madigan began her update with an overview on staffing the OIG; she stated that the Office has hired a Deputy Inspector General, has signed conditional offers for two investigators scheduled to start in the fall, and has a college intern from the University of Maryland working in the office. Ms. Madigan's update included a discussion on systems access from the Administration, establishing Inspector General business flows and procedures. In addition, Ms.

Madigan stated that her office so far has received 97 total complaints, which has led to 15 open complaints, and 13 cases that are currently under investigation.

Councilmembers asked questions about how a complaint turns into an active case, future staffing plans, and for Ms. Madigan's opinion on the litigation in Baltimore City related to systems access for the City Inspector General. General discussion ensued regarding possible solutions at the state and local level to resolve the systems access dispute, and what role the IGAB can play in advocating to the Council on behalf of the Inspector General.

2. Reports

a. MACo/NACo – no updates were given.

b. Council Administrator

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council, gave a brief overview of her submitted Administrator's report. Highlights included an update on DTCS efforts and establishment of the new Boards and Commissions database.

c. County Auditor

Janine MacGregor, acting County Auditor, appeared before the Council to give an update on the County Auditor's report. Highlights included an update on the GASB report, the status of current audits including the Columbia Community Concepts audit, updates on staffing, and an RFP for an external auditor.

Council requested the following items:

- *A status update on the challenges with the Columbia Community Concepts audit.*

Chair Jones closed the meeting at 11:08 am.

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Participants:

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Kelly Madigan, Inspector General

Frank Lopez, Deputy Inspector General (virtual)

David Salem, Inspector General Advisory Board Chair