



Howard County Council

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Minutes - Approved

Special Meeting and Closed Session Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
George Howard Building, Banneker Room
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed at cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Immediately following the Zoning Board Meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

The Vice Chairperson convened a special meeting at **10:13 a.m.** in the Council's Banneker Hearing Room. Council Members were present virtually.

Council Members Present for the Special Meeting to Determine Closed Session: Christiana Rigby, Deb Jung, and Liz Walsh.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council Kristen Perry, Deputy County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; and Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I.

The County Council held a Special Meeting to determine the need for a closed session on September 16, 2026, at 10:13 a.m. The open portion of the meeting was held in the Banneker Room.

The Council then determined the need for a closed session on September 16, 2026, which convened at 10:21 a.m.

During open session, Vice Chair Rigby moved that the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the County Council has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The topics are performance, removal, and resignation of one or more Board Members and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter. Council Member Jung seconded the motion.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Deb Jung, Christiana Rigby, and Liz Walsh.

The motion to close the meeting in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland passed.

The closed session portion was hybrid. Council Members were present virtually. Staff participated in the Council's Large Conference Room.

The Council discussed performance, and removal of a specific Board Member and obtained legal advice regarding that topic. The Council took the following action during the Closed Session:

Ms. Rigby moved to remove a specific Board member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung. A roll call vote of the members present was Yes: Ms. Rigby, Ms. Jung, and Ms. Walsh.

The closed session ended at **11:01 a.m.**

Statement of Closed Session

As required by Section 3-306(c)(2), of the *General Provisions* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the following is a report of the County Council's closed session of September 16, 2026. The County Council met virtually in closed session at 10:21 a.m. on September 16, 2026; Council staff present participated in the Council's Large Conference Room, pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the County Council has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The topics are performance, discipline, and removal of one or more Board Members and legal advice from counsel regarding that personnel matter.

The topic actually discussed was removal of one Board member and legal advice regarding that topic.

Action taken by Council during the Closed Session was to remove a specific Board member.

The following people were present at the closed session:

Council Members Present for the Closed Session: Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; and Liz Walsh.

Staff present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Kristen Perry, Deputy County Solicitor; and Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor.

The closed session ended at **11:01 a.m.**

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