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Agenda

Legislative Session
Friday, October 30, 2026
Hybrid Meeting (Virtual and In-Person Meeting)
Video Streamed at cc.howardcountymd.gov/watch-us
Broadcast on channels 44(Verizon) and 1071(Comcast)
10:00 AM

Legislative Session

Day # 14

Approve Journal

Legislative Session – October 5, 2026
Emergency Legislative Session – October 19, 2026

Approve Minutes

Monthly Meeting – October 13, 2026
Joint Meeting with Board of Education – October 13, 2026
Special Meeting – October 14, 2026
Legislative Public Hearing – October 19, 2026

Final Consideration

Appointments

- CR163-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Danyell Diggs – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Danyell Diggs to the Multimodal Transportation Board
- CR164-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rev. C. Paige Getty – Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Reverend C. Paige Getty to the Interfaith Advisory Commission

- CR165-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Divine David Jimeto Alachebe - Opioid Restitution Fund Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Divine David Jimeto Alachebe to the Opioid Restitution Fund Commission
- CR166-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Elizabeth W. Ndungu– Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elizabeth W. Ndungu to the Commission on Disabilities
- CR167-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jamie L. Ferguson, Ph.D. – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jamie L. Ferguson, Ph.D., to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
- CR168-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Deacon Allen R. Greene – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deacon Allen R. Greene to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
- CR169-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kathryn Adkins Walker Robinson – Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kathryn Adkins Walker Robinson to the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board
- CR170-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Saphronia “Sophie” Lang-Bradford – Commission for Veterans and Military Families
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saphronia “Sophie” Lang-Bradford to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families
- CR171-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Rita Kristine Bernardo – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rita Kristine Bernardo to the Multimodal Transportation Board
- CR172-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Kari Andresen – Multimodal Transportation Board
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kari Andresen to the Multimodal Transportation Board
- CR173-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Rachael MacMurray - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Rachael MacMurray to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
- CR174-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Saraniya Tharmarajah, PhD, to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel

- CR175-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment– Quinton Askew - Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Quinton Askew to the Adult-Use Cannabis Advisory Panel
- CR176-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Francesca Valencia- LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Francesca Valencia to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
- CR177-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Marina Lambrinou, Ph.D- LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Marina Lambrinou, Ph.D, to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
- CR178-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment - Gemma Holgate - LGBTQIA+ Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Gemma Holgate to the LGBTQIA+ Commission
- CR179-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jeminetu Usman – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jeminetu Usman to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission
- CR180-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Margaret Melikian – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret Melikian to the Historic Preservation Commission
- CR181-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Jonathan ("Jon") Shin– SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Jonathan ("Jon") Shin to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as an appointee for the County Executive
- CR182-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment- Sandra M. Price- Human Rights Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sandra M. Price to the Human Rights Commission
- CR195-2026** - Introduced by Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Appointment – Chris Anderson – SMART Data Center Task Force
Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Chris Anderson to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the Third Councilmanic District

Reappointments

- CR183-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Michelle Rhodes-Brown, CFA – Pension Oversight Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michelle Rhodes-Brown, CFA, to the Pension Oversight Commission

- CR184-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Regina V. Lee – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Regina V. Lee to the Commission on Disabilities
- CR185-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Gift Gunaraj Jayakar – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Gift Gunaraj Jayakar to the Commission on Disabilities
- CR186-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Bryan Weinstein – Commission on Disabilities
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Bryan Weinstein to the Commission on Disabilities
- CR187-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Reappointment – Ben S. Barlow – Historic Preservation Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ben S. Barlow to the Historic Preservation Commission

Financial

- CB60-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement – 62.98 acres – 2698 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine – Purchase price \$2,363,100 – owned by Eugene A. Freeze, as trustee of the Eugene A. Freeze Revocable Trust
Title: AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 62.98 acres of agricultural land located at 2698 Jennings Chapel Road, Woodbine, Howard County, Maryland, from Eugene A. Freeze, as trustee of the Eugene A. Freeze Revocable Trust, or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$2,363,100 or, if less in acreage, not more than \$37,520 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CR188-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Department of Police – Adoption rates for the adoption of cats or dogs
Title: A RESOLUTION providing a maximum adoption rate for the adoption of dogs and cats from Howard County Animal Control
- CR189-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Endorsing State Financing – Saval Foods, LLC
Title: A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Commerce for an economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County's goals for economic development

General

- CB61-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Amending Floodplain Provisions – FEMA and MEMA requirements
Title: AN ACT, in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Emergency Management Agency requirements, updating certain floodplain provisions of the County Code; defining certain terms; setting forth the purpose, authority and findings for County floodplain requirements; clarifying the agencies who review requests for alternative compliance; providing for certain submissions and certain inspections; prohibiting certain development and certain activities in certain Special Flood Hazard Areas, including FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas and Community Special Flood Hazard Areas; setting the basis for the establishment of Special Flood Hazard Areas; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator and County Departments and Agencies; providing for certain permits, applications and permit review; imposing certain subdivision and development requirements on Floodplain areas; setting forth standards and conditions and an application process for alternative compliance; updating and defining terms; allowing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to floodplain regulations in Howard County
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB62-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Pay Plan for Fiscal Year 2027 – specialty pay for Police Captains
Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County to provide a certain specialty pay to Police Captains; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB63-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: New Executive Exempt Position - Police Colonel
Title: AN ACT amending County Code to add the position of Police Colonel to the list of positions appointed by the Chief of Police; and generally relating to establishing the new executive exempt position of Colonel
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB64-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Pay Plan and Classification Plan Amendment – Police Colonel
Title: AN ACT amending the Pay Plan and Classification Plan for Howard County to add a classification description for the position of Police Colonel and to establish a pay grade for the position of Police Colonel; and generally relating to the position of Police Colonel
expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CR193-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Authorizing the conveyance of approximately 0.477 acres of property – Route 1 – State Highway Administration
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that portions of parcels of land owned by Howard County totaling approximately 0.477 acres located along Route 1 are no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to convey the Property to the State of Maryland, Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration as a part of the US 1 (Washington Boulevard) Pedestrian Safety Action Plan; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if the County Executive finds that the County may have a use for the property

- CR194-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Board of Education - Submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction
Title: A RESOLUTION pursuant to Title 5, Subtitle 3 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's budget request for Fiscal Year 2028 State Capital Projects or projects requesting FY2028 State funding for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Commission on School Construction
- CB66-2026** - Introduced by David Yungmann at the request of the Zoning Board
Short Title: Amending – Zoning Board Procedures
Title: AN ACT amending Title 16 of the Howard County Code by revising the procedures of the Zoning Board for deciding whether petitions may be first heard by the Hearing Examiner for the Zoning Board; revising the advertising requirements for Zoning Board administrative meetings; requiring certain applicants to file certain affidavits or disclosures; revising the timeframe to file an exception to the Hearing Examiner's report; clarifying the role of the Zoning Counsel; and generally related to the Zoning Board expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB67-2026** - Introduced by Opel Jones
Short Title: Property Tax Credit for Seniors – Amend Maximum Credit Amount
Title: AN ACT amending the Property Tax Credit for Seniors in order to, beginning in Tax Year 2027, increase the cap on the amount of the property tax credit after the homestead credit is applied; and generally relating to the property tax credit for seniors expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB68-2026** - Introduced by Deb Jung / Co-sponsor(s) Christiana Rigby
Short Title: Public Ethics Law – Confidentiality of Complaints – Technical Corrections
Title: AN ACT amending the Howard County Ethics Code clarifying the confidentiality of certain complaints submitted to the Ethics Commission; clarifying the procedures if information relating to certain complaints are publicly disclosed; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the Howard County Public Ethics Law expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027
- CB69-2026** - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Inspector General – Custodian of Howard County Government Public Records
Title: AN ACT designating the Inspector General as a custodian of Howard County Government public records; revising the duties of the Inspector General; and generally relating to the Office of Inspector General expires – 12/14/2026; extended – 01/18/2027; extended twice – 02/22/2027

Tabled

Appointments

- CR131-2026** - Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive
Short Title: Appointment – Mary O. Barton– Interfaith Advisory Commission
Title: A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mary O. Barton to the Interfaith Advisory Commission.

CR149-2026 - Introduced by Liz Walsh

Short Title: Appointment – Meg Boyd – SMART Data Center Task Force

Title: A RESOLUTION appointing Meg Boyd to the SMART (Strategic Moratorium for Assessing Responsible Technology) Data Center Task Force as the appointee for the First Councilmanic District.

General

CB58-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung

Short Title: Grants – County Grant Agreements – Requirements – Grants Application Platform and Data Base - Established

Title: AN ACT renaming certain sections of the County Code; amending the County's authority to award grants; adding conditions for the application and awarding of grants; establishing requirements for the application and awarding of grants for the purchase, construction, development, or redevelopment of real property; establishing a centralized grants application platform and database; and generally relating to grants.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

CB59-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann

Short Title: Solar Collector Facilities - Temporary Hold

Title: AN ACT temporarily prohibiting issuance of certain approvals of development plans or building permits for solar energy facilities; require a public meeting with various agencies to discuss the new rules introduced by the Renewable Energy Certainty Act (HB1036) and the implications on Howard County government processes for reviewing solar energy facilities; provide a report to the County Council and County Executive explaining what County authority is preempted in HB1036 and what the County is permitted to require or adopt; and generally relating to solar energy facilities in Howard County.

expires – 11/17/2026; extended – 12/22/2026; extended twice – 01/26/2027

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