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2026 Legislative Wrap-Up Session | Legislative Day No. 14
October 30, 2026

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chair called the legislative session to order at 10 a.m.

Chair Opel Jones, Vice Chair Christiana Rigby, Council Member Deb Jung, Council Member Liz Walsh and Council Member David Yungmann were present.

Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Amanda Mihill, Assistant County Solicitor; Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator; Isaiah Anderson, Executive Assistant I; Nick Rhinehart, Senior Administrative Analyst; Rozonna Hightower, Administrative Assistant, and Courtney Speights, Administrative Aide, were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL

The Chair moved to approve the Journal of:

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

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Journal was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Journal passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Chair moved to approve the Minutes of:

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

The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve the Minutes was: Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh, and Yungmann.

The motion to approve the Minutes passed.

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

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

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 163 through 167; 169 through 179; 181 through 187; and 195-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 163 through 167; 169 through 179; 181 through 187; and 195-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 163 through 167; 169 through 179; 181 through 187; and 195-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 168 -2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Dr. Jones moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolutions 168 -2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Council Resolutions 168 -2026

(*This Amendment corrects the name used in the appointment.)*

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolutions 168 -2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Resolutions 168 -2026 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 168 -2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 168 -2026 (as amended) passed.

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

Chairperson moved to **WITHDRAW** Council Resolution 180-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to **WITHDRAW** Council Resolution 180-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to **WITHDRAW** Council Resolution 180-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 60-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 60-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Abstain: Council Member Rigby

The motion to approve Council Bill 60-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 188-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 188-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 188-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 189-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 189-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 189-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 61-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Dr. Jones moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 61-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 61-2026

(*This Amendment makes the following corrections:*

1. *In the titles, corrects the agency;*
2. *Requires that development in a floodway show that the encroachment will not increase flood levels;*
3. *Prohibits the use of CLOMR-F and LOMR-F to justify otherwise prohibited development in the floodway; and*
4. *Provides that DPW critical and essential facilities like the wastewater treatment plants, pumping stations, and drinking water tanks, are exempt from prohibited development in the floodway but such development must comply with all other requirements provided for development in a floodway.*)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 61-2026was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 61-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 61-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 61-2026 as amended passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 62-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 62-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 62-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 63-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Ms. Rigby moved to TABLE Council Bill 63-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.
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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Bill 63-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to TABLE Council Bill 63-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Bill 64-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Ms. Rigby moved to TABLE Council Bill 64-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Bill 64-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to TABLE Council Bill 64-2026 passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 193-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 193-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 193-2026 was passed.

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

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolution 194-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolution 194-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolution 194-2026 was passed.

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

Mr. Yungmann moved to approve Council Bill 66-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Mr. Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 66-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 66-2026
(*This amendment makes certain amendments proposed in Council Bill No. 66-2026 conditioned on the Zoning Board adopting related changes that are proposed in the Rules of Procedure of the Howard County Zoning Board and the Rules of Procedure of the Zoning Board Hearing Examiner*)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 66-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 66-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 66-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 66-2026 as amended passed.

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

Dr. Jones moved to approve Council Bill 67-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Dr. Jones moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 67-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 67-2026
(*This Amendment adds a provision to submit an annual statement of eligibility for automatic renewal of the senior tax credit by the Department of Finance.*)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 67-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 67-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 67-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 67-2026 as amended passed.

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

Ms. Jung moved to approve Council Bill 68-2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

Ms. Rigby moved to TABLE Council Bill 68-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to TABLE Council Bill 68-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Rigby, and Walsh. Nay Council Member Jung and Yungmann.

The motion to TABLE Council Bill 68-2026 passed.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 68-2026 was not moved.

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 68-2026
(*This Amendment strikes Councilwoman Christiana Rigby's Co-Sponsorship of the bill*)

CB69-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung
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

Ms. Jung moved to approve Council Bill 69-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 69-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, and Walsh. Nay: Council Members Jones, Rigby and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Bill 69-2026 failed.

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Appointments

CR131-2026 - ***Short Title:*** Appointment – Mary O. Barton– Interfaith Advisory Commission
CR149-2026 - ***Short Title:*** Appointment – Meg Boyd – SMART Data Center Task Force
Chairperson moved to REMOVE Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026 from the TABLE. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to REMOVE Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026 from the TABLE was Yea: Council Members Jone, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to REMOVE Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026 from the TABLE passed.

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.

Chairperson moved to approve Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jone, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Council Resolutions 131 and 149-2026 passed.

CB58-2026 - Introduced by Deb Jung
Short Title: Grants – County Grant Agreements – Requirements – Grants Application Platform and Data Base - Established

Ms. Jung moved to REMOVE Council Bill 58-2026 from the TABLE. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yungmann.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to REMOVE Council Bill 58-2026 from the TABLE was Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones, and Rigby.

The motion to REMOVE Council Bill 58-2026 from the TABLE passed.

Chairperson Announced: Council Members as a reminder, during the October 5th Legislative Session, Council Bill 58-2026 was moved by Councilmember Jung and Seconded by Councilmember Walsh. Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026 was moved by Councilmember Jung and Seconded by Councilmember Walsh. Also, Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026 was moved by Councilmember Jung and Seconded by Councilmember Rigby.

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

Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026

(*This Amendment clarifies the minimum amount of time a nonprofit agency must be in operation in order to be eligible for a County grant award; clarifies the date this legislation applies; clarifies the information required to be included in a grant application; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement for the purchase, construction of improvements, development, or redevelopment of real property; clarifies information required to be posted on publicly accessible grants database; and requires the County Chief Administrative Officer to convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders from the Howard County nonprofit community to study and make recommendations on the implementation of the legislation*)

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026

(This Amendment to Amendment strikes all proposed new language in Sections 22.700, 22.701, 22.704 and strikes sections 22.706 and 22.707 in their entirety; adds requirements for grant applications and grant agreements for the purchase, construction of improvements, development, or redevelopment of real property, and amends the Short Title and Title of the Bill)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones, and Rigby.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 58-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 as amended to Council Bill 58-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones, and Rigby.
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The motion to approve Amendment 1 as amended to Council Bill 58-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 58-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones, and Rigby.

The motion to approve Council Bill 58-2026 as amended passed.

CB59-2026 - Introduced by David Yungmann
Short Title: Solar Collector Facilities - Temporary Hold

Mr. Yungmann moved to REMOVE Council Bill 59-2026 from the TABLE. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jung.

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to REMOVE Council Bill 59-2026 from the TABLE was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to REMOVE Council Bill 59-2026 from the TABLE passed.

Chairperson Announced: Council Members as a reminder, during the October 5th Legislative Session, Council Bill 59-2026 was moved by Councilmember Yungmann and Seconded by Councilmember Rigby.

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

Mr. Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.

Mr. Yungmann moved to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones.
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Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026

(*This Amendment does the following:*
Removes the moratorium and specifies that any projects on ALPP easement properties will go through the conditional use process beginning on the effective date of this Act;
Adds a recital that the preemption in RECA appears to not preempt the County from exercising its property rights regarding ALPP easements;
Requires that the DPZ report be submitted to the County Council and County Executive within 30 days of the Meeting being held and presented in a public session to the Council within 10 days of the report submission; and
Adds language to require that the State Attorney General's Office and the Howard County Office of Law be included in the meeting.)

Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026

(This Amendment revises the parenthetical, adds language to specify that a new codified provision will be added to Section 16.103 and adds an uncodified provision to request an opinion by the Office of the Attorney General on what authority Howard County has to regulate solar energy facility development on ALPP parcels, and whether that is precluded by HB1036.)

The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 to Amendment 1 to Council Bill 59-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Amendment 1 as amended to Council Bill 59-2026 was Yea: Council Members Jones, Jung, Rigby, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion to approve Amendment 1 as amended to Council Bill 59-2026 passed.

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The roll call vote called by the Administrator on the motion to approve Council Bill 59-2026 as amended was Yea: Council Members Jung, Walsh and Yungmann. Nay: Council Member Jones and Rigby.

The motion to approve Council Bill 59-2026 as amended passed.

ADJOURNED at 11:45 a.m.