



Howard County Council

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Monthly Meeting Minutes (approved)

Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

1:00 p.m.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, Council Auditor; Ed Shulder, Deputy Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant

- I. Howard County Public School System Audit** - Participants: William Seymour, SB& Company, LLC; Craig Glendenning, Council Auditor; Holly Sun, Administrator, Budget Office; and Ed Shulder

Mr. Seymour provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Audit, why it was done, procedures used, peer group jurisdictions, and outcomes of the audit. Councilmembers Yungmann and Jung asked about next steps of the Administration. There was discussion about the scope of the audit, items not covered, and that the audit did not meet the scope described in CR108-2019 authorizing up to \$250,000 to be spent on the Audit. The Auditor's Office indicated that the report should have had more recommendations particularly in the area of the health and dental fund, should there be more changes being considered and negotiated, and that there should be follow-up.

- II. Update on MTA proposed service reductions** - Participant: Bruce Gartner, Administrator, Office of Transportation

Mr. Gartner went through the summary of service changes by MTA proposals. There was discussion about certain reductions of service in the County attributable to reduced ridership and the need for proper safety protections and protocols. Mr. Gartner emphasized that riders can use a ridership app to track bus service in real time.

- III. Councilmanic Redistricting Update** - Participant: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator

Ms. Schwartz Jones indicated that letters were going out to Central Committees requesting nominations. Ms. Schwartz Jones also reviewed options suggested by Councilmembers for appointment of Council representative on the redistricting committee. Councilmembers discussed different options. Name needs to be determined in early January for introduction in February. Council determined to discuss when it meets for the December Legislative Session.

IV. Council Offices and Sessions updates - Participant: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator

Generally discussed that the George B. Howard Building is not open to the general public, but that meetings of limited size can occur in the Council offices.

V. Reports

- a. Council Chair Jung acknowledged the work of employees during COVID and keeping the Council functioning.
- b. Councilmember Rigby provided a summary of some areas of MACo priorities including public health shortfalls; budget security; broadband; and election outcomes.
- c. The Administrator referred to report.
- d. The Auditor has advertised a vacant position in the Auditor's Office.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.