

**PTA COUNCIL HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

Terri Marcus, President
Karina Fischer, Executive Vice President
Hiruy Hadgu, Vice President of Operations
Glenda Title Hernandez, Vice President of Issues
Angela Shiplet, Secretary
Laurie Ramey, Treasurer
Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair
Lisa Loveless, Policy Chair
Sarah Rehling, Office Administrator

- I. **Call to order** - the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and quorum was established.
- II. **President's report** - Terri Marcus provided the President's report.
 - a. The results of the membership survey were inconclusive, meeting start times will remain at 7:30 p.m.
 - b. Leadership training sessions were held.
 - c. Information about a winter coat drive was provided.
 - d. PTACHC needs a representative for Policy 7000 Workforce Diversity and Inclusion. Meetings of this policy committee will be on Tuesdays.
 - e. PTAs who are interested in having their school become Purple Star designated can reach out to Terri for more information.
 - f. There will be a virtual PTA Presidents/Board of Education Meeting on October 17th.
 - g. Terri congratulated Meg Ricks newly elected President of the Guilford Park High School PTSA.
- III. **OBRC Report** - Meg Ricks described the role of the Operating Budget Review Committee and requested individuals who might be willing to serve as an alternate to contact her at OBRC@ptachc.org.
- IV. **Secretary's Report** - Angela Shiplet presented the minutes from the August 28th General Meeting. *A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.*
- V. **Treasurer's Report** - Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer's report. [Expenses/Disbursement for July through August](#) and [July through September](#) were described.
- VI. **Legislative Committee Report** - Brent Loveless presented the [Legislative Committee Update](#).
- VII. **Guest Speakers - Howard County Delegation**- Senators Clarence Lam (District 12), Katie Fry Hester (District 9), Delegates Jessica Feldmark (District 12), Terri Hill (District 12), Vanessa Atterbeary (District 13), Jen Terrasa (District 13) presented information about bills they will be working on in the upcoming legislative session and took questions from the audience.
- VIII. **Guest Speakers Kami Wagner, Coordinator for Elementary School Counseling and Student Supports and Danielle Du Puis, LGBTQIA+ Initiatives Specialist** - Information about the new Gender Inclusivity Guidelines was presented.
- IX. **Superintendent's report** - James LeMon provided a brief report and stated that he will email any items of interest.
- X. **Cary Report** - Angela Shiplet presented the [Cary report](#).
- XI. **SECAC Report** - Daria Wise provided the SECAC report. The next SECAC meeting is 7:00 p.m. October 3rd at Patuxent Valley Middle School. The topic is dyslexia and members of the HCPSS Instructional Intervention team will be there.
- XII. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 9:20.