

**PTAC HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

Karina Fischer, Executive Vice President
Hiruy Hadgu, Vice President of Operations
Angela Shippet, 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**- Angela Shippet provided the President's report on the behalf of Terri Marcus.
 - a. Fall trainings have wrapped up. PTACHC will be offering Treasurer and Leadership training in May/June to provide support and guidance to newly elected boards.
 - b. Prior to each general meeting PTACHC will be hosting "mini meetings" focused on a specific topic. The topic for 11/6 was Holiday Shoppes. [A flier with the schedule was provided.](#)
 - c. Terri Marcus gave a report to the Board of Education on October 12, 2023. She discussed PTA's role in the school system. [The presentation can be viewed on PTACHC's YouTube channel.](#)
 - d. Last month the Terri Marcus wrote to the County Executive on PTACHC's behalf requesting that PTACHC have a representative on the upcoming Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) Task force. There has been no reply to date.
 - e. Homewood is seeking help with their annual Treasure sale. [A flier for the sale was provided.](#) Ways local PTAs can help Homewood can be found on PTACHC's website.
 - f. A flier from the Healthier Choices Coalition on their school food choices survey was provided. Megan Mason, the President at Patapsco Middle School was there to answer any questions. She spoke more about the survey providing delegates information at the end of the meeting.
 - g. There will be a public hearing before Board of Education on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. about Policy 5200- Student Transportation.
 - h. Terri Marcus will be speaking at the Multicultural Parent Leadership Program's graduation ceremony on November 9th. She will be speaking to them about PTAs and encouraging them to join.
- III. **Secretary's Report**- Angela Shippet presented the minutes from the October 2, 2023 General Meeting. *A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**- Laurie Ramey presented the [Treasurer's report.](#)
- V. **Legislative Committee Report**- Brent Loveless presented the [Legislative Committee Update.](#)
- VI. **School Safety Committee Report**- Lisa Krausz presented [a report from the School Safety Committee.](#)
- VII. **Open forum**- The delegation discussed taking a position regarding Policy 5200 and the importance of the Board of Education holding a public hearing prior to making significant policy changes.

- a. Corinne Happel motioned that *“PTACHC adopt a position statement that we are against the school bus cuts that were adopted in May 2022 without a public hearing and were fully implemented in 2023,”* the motion was seconded.
- b. *A motion was made and seconded to table the aforementioned motion, the vote to table failed (7 yes votes, 24 no votes, 10 abstentions).*
- c. *The vote on the motion that “PTACHC adopt a position statement that we are against the school bus cuts that were adopted in May 2022 without a public hearing and were fully implemented in 2023,” was called. The motion failed (17 yes votes, 18 no votes, 6 abstentions).*
- d. *Corrine Happel made a motion that PTACHC “Adopt a position statement against significant policy changes that take away critical services to students and families without a prior public hearing.” The motion was seconded and passed (39 yes votes, 0 no votes, 2 abstentions).*

VIII. **Reports from regular reporting bodies**

- a. Dr. LinFeng Chen presented the Board of Education Report
- b. Dr. James LeMon presented the Superintendent’s Report
- c. Dawn Allen presented the SECAC report.
- d. Benjamin Schmitt presented the Howard County Educators Association report and took questions from the delegation.

IX. **Adjournment-** the meeting adjourned at 9:30.