

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY: GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2026

6th OF 2025-26 SESSIONS

Location: Homewood Center Cafeteria

Website: www.ptachc.org Email: board@ptachc.org

GENERAL MEETING

- 7:30 PM Call to Order, Establish Quorum, Mission Statement
President's Report (Cat Carter – president@ptachc.org)
Nomination Committee vote, email PTACHC Board nominations to nominations@ptachc.org
- 7:35 PM Approval of Minutes (Ruth Cung – secretary@ptachc.org)
- 7:40 PM Treasurer's Report (Laurie Ramey – treasurer@ptachc.org)
- 7:45 PM Vice-President of Advocacy Report (Anthony DeBella - vpadvocacy@ptachc.org)
Operating Budget & OBRC Update
- 7:55 PM Legislative Chair Report (Brent Loveless – legislative@ptachc.org)
PTACHC Testimonies ([County Jan 20th](#) & [State 28th](#)) and current legislation
- 8:05 PM Board of Education Report (Meg Ricks – meg_ricks@hcpss.org)
- 8:10 PM HCPSS News (James LeMon james_lemon@hcpss.org)
- 8:15 PM Guest Speaker Introduction (Karina Fisher executivevp@ptachc.org)
Guest Speaker: Danielle Lueking, Legislative and Legal Affairs Officers
Topic: Overview of BOE Legislative Committee – Q & A
- 9:00 PM Adjournment

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/28 [Statewide Legislative Public Hearing](#)
- 2/2 [County Council](#) Legislative Session 7:00 PM – George Howard Building
- 2/9 County Council Joint Meeting with BOE 10:00 AM – George Howard Building
- 2/17 County Council Legislative Public Hearing 7:00 PM – George Howard Building
- 2/23 County Council Legislative Work Session 10:00 AM – George Howard Building
- 1/29 [Board of Education](#) Superintendent's Proposed FY27 Operating Budget Public Hearing
- 2/9 Board of Education Superintendent's Proposed FY27 Operating Budget Public Hearing
- 2/12 Board of Education Superintendent's Proposed FY27 Operating Budget Public Hearing
- 2/26 Board of Education Regularly Scheduled Meeting 4 & 7:00 PM
- 3/26 Board of Education Regularly Scheduled Meeting 4 & 7:00 PM
- 3/2 PTACHC March General Meeting 7:30 PM – Homewood School**

RESOURCES HIGHLIGHT

National PTA: [Science Festivals - STEM + Families - Programs | National PTA](#)

National PTA's STEM + Families initiative provides fun, hands-on experiences that allow parents and caregivers to learn alongside elementary and middle school students. Our programs reinforce the value of family support for education while introducing new ideas, important skills and career possibilities related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The STEM + Families Science Festival program, sponsored by Bayer Fund, aims to:

- Empower PTAs with information on hosting hands-on science experiments that bring students and families together
- Provide families with ready-to-go activity facilitator and family guides
- Help all kids experience and explore activities and careers in STEM

PTA's vision is for all students to have the family and community support they need to access and pursue opportunities and careers in the STEM fields.

Free State PTA: [Advocacy Day | Free State PTA](#)

Join Free State PTA in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 for a day of direct advocacy with your Maryland State legislators. The day will include observing state house business, visiting legislators' offices, and watching committee hearings. A closing reception with food and refreshments will follow.

HCPSS News:

[Spring 2026 Training Program for Parents/Guardians of Anxious Students – HCPSS News](#)

[Judges Needed for Howard County History Day, to be Held March 21, 2026 – HCPSS News](#)

[Friends of Education Award Nomination Period Open Through February 20, 2026 – HCPSS News](#)

[Save the Date: 2026 HCPSS Family Academy Conference – HCPSS News](#)