

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2026

Location: Homewood School Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order at 7:37 PM, quorum established. Board members and committee chairs in attendance:
 - Cat Carter, President
 - Karina Fisher, Executive Vice President
 - Megan Brauner, Vice President of Operations
 - Ruth Cung, Secretary
 - Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair
 - Jamel Riley, Policy Committee Chair
- Cat Carter read the mission statement, requested membership to consider volunteering for PTACHC Board positions, introduced the new PTACHC Office Administrator, Lisa Loveland, reviewed important dates for County Council, Board of Education, and PTACHC, and presented PTACHC IRS motions on Laurie Ramey's (Treasurer) behalf.
- Motion that PTACHC will pursue an IRS group exemption.
 - Abstained: 1 member
 - Approved: All other members
 - Adopted
- Motion that PTACHC will amend its 2025-2026 budget to add \$3,500 in income from its savings and add \$3,500 to the expense account 65070-Miscellaneous Expenses to pay for the IRS group exemption application fee.
 - Abstained: 1 member
 - Approved: All other members
 - Adopted
- II. Ruth Cung presented the minutes from the March 2026 General Meeting.
 - Motion to approve March 2026 General Meeting minutes with amendment to Section 2, from "Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer's Report and noted there are still 17 PTAs that have not paid their dues" to "Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer's Report and noted there are still 19 PTAs that have not paid their dues."
 - Abstained: 1 member
 - Approved: All other members
 - Adopted
- III. Karina Fisher introduced the newly formed Technology committee and chair, Lindsay Unger. Lindsay presented an overview of the committee with an introduction to impact of technology in education, why the committee was formed – for PTACHC to have a voice, and committee objectives. Lindsay requested that the general membership review the following motion with local PTAs to vote at the May 2026 general meeting and that PTACHC membership supports a timely response to a committee survey with goals to: Assess to what extent the HCPSS community perceives that the district-issued technology in HCPSS 1) is safe, 2) prioritizes well-being, and 3) effectively improves their learning outcomes and to identify points of advocacy and education for the PTACHC Technology Committee.

- Following motion will be proposed for a vote at the May 2026 PTACHC general meeting: PTACHC advocates for technology use for all students in HCPSS that 1) is safe 2) prioritizes well-being, and 3) effectively improves learning outcomes.
- IV. Kisha Logan (Executive Director: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment), Julie Wray, Carrie Trudden, and Melissa Daggett presented “Discussion of HCPSS AI usage” with the general membership. The guests discussed: overview of generative AI guidelines and guiding principles, ethical and responsible use of AI in schools, how AI is being used in classrooms, professional learning and training for staff, where we are now and future direction, and answered questions from the audience.
- V. Meg Ricks provided updates from the Board of Education including Capital Budget (County Executive funded entire request), Operating Budget presentation, graduation date announcements, and National School Board association conference.
- VI. James LeMon presented updates from HCPSS including free caregiver wellness workshops, free county transit options for HCPSS students, and Cedar Lane School hosting Plant Palooza.
- VII. Brent Loveless presented the Legislative Committee report including:
- Council bills to watch: CB-19-2026, HOCO-10-26. HoCo is in the process of creating changes to zoning and density that have direct influence on enrollment growth and redistricting, while many have exemptions from school overcrowding protections or capacity mitigation.
 - SB-31: State tracking kids and changing county development process, rewrites have minimized the education impact, but the bill is still moving forward to a 4/8 hearing.
 - General Assembly of Maryland Dates of interest for 2026 session
 - Review [Boarddocs](#) and [Howard County Delegation of the MGA website](#)
- VIII.
- IX. Karina Fisher presented the Executive VP report including that the Board of Education’s Capital Budget request was fully funded, requested membership join the PTACHC Facebook group in order to find and promote the PTACHC March candidate forum for viewing on YouTube, and provided a reminder for the second PTACHC Candidate Forum on 4/18 for BoE and County Council candidates.
- X. The membership participated in an activity to submit questions for the Candidate Forum #2 by way of notecards. The notecards were then collected by Karina Fisher.
- XI. Adjournment: 9:03 PM