

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY: GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2026

9th 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)
2026/2027 School Year PTACHC General Meetings **First Tuesday of Every Month**
Announce open positions; complete form or email nominations@ptachc.org
- 7:35 PM Approval of Minutes (Ruth Cung – secretary@ptachc.org)
- 7:40 PM Approval of April & May Treasurer Report (Laurie Remey treasurer@ptachc.org)
- 7:45 PM Executive VP Report (Karina Fisher executivevp@ptachc.org)
PTACHC representation for SY26-27 Policy Advisory Committees
- 7:50 PM PTACHC Technology Committee Report (Lindsay Unger - technology@ptachc.org)
Vote on Motion, Introduction of Technology Survey
- 8:00 PM State Delegation Guest Speakers:
Senator Katie Fry-Hester ([SB0720/HB1057](https://legis.maryland.gov/family/sb0720/hb1057): Artificial Intelligence Ready Schools Act & [SB0601/HB0957](https://legis.maryland.gov/family/sb0601/hb0957): Cybersecurity - Standards and Compliance - Alterations)
Delegate Chao Wu ([HB525/SB0928](https://legis.maryland.gov/family/hb525/sb0928): Maryland Phone-Free Schools Act)
- 8:25 PM Carolyn Walker: Survey Info for Policy 8020 - Grading & Reporting: Middle & High School
- 8:40 PM HCPSS News (James LeMon james_lemon@hcpss.org)
- 8:45 PM Legislative Committee Report (Brent Loveless legislative@ptachc.org)
- 8:55 PM Budget Committee Report (Karina Fisher executivevp@ptachc.org)
Budget Call to Action to County Council
Delegate Action Item Activity: Email County Council to fully fund HCPSS FY27 Operating Budget
councilmail@howardcountymd.gov
- 9:00 PM Adjournment

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IMPORTANT DATES: Dates for the FY 2027 Timeline to Budget Adoption are in bold

4/27	County Council Public Hearing on Operating Budget - PTACHC Testimony Timestamp: 51:24
4/29	County Council Budget Work Session – Operating Budget #1 10:00 AM – George Howard Building (GHB) - Agenda included HCPSS
4/30	Board of Education Work Session - FY 2027 Operating Budget
5/5	County Council Budget Work Session – Operating Budget #2 10:00 AM – GHB - Agenda yet to be determined
5/6	County Council Legislative Session 7:00 PM – GHB
5/7	County Council Budget Public Hearing – General 9:30 AM – GHB
5/11	County Council Budget Work Session – Operating Budget #3 10:00 AM – GHB - Agenda yet to be determined
5/14	Board of Education Work Session - Finalize supplemental and categorical changes to balance the 2027 budget
5/14	County Council Budget Amendment Prefile
5/15	County Council Work Session - Operating Budget #4 10:00 AM - GHB - Agenda yet to be determined
5/15	County Council Budget Public Hearing – Real Property Tax 6:00 PM – GHB
5/18	County Council Legislative Public Hearing 7:00 PM – GHB
5/19	Board of Education Regularly Scheduled Meeting 4 & 7:00 PM
5/20	County Council Adoption of HCPSS Operating Budget
5/20	County Council Legislative Session 7:00 PM – GHB
5/21	Board of Education Adoption of FY 2027 Operating Budget and Capital Projects Budgets as Adopted by the County Council
5/26	County Council Legislative Work Session 10:00 AM – GHB
6/1	PTACHC June General Meeting 7:30 PM – Homewood School; PTACHC Board elections

RESOURCES HIGHLIGHT

Free State PTA: [Free State PTA Annual Convention](#)

Free State PTA is delighted to invite all PTA/PTSA members to our Annual Convention, scheduled for July 25-26, 2026 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. This gathering offers a unique chance to connect with fellow members, engage in informative workshops, and contribute to the future direction of our association.

Learn more about this year's event at: www.fspta.org/convention2026

PTACHC:

Dear PTA Presidents and Delegates,

We are excited to kick off our Student Technology Survey and we need your help with distribution!

As was announced at the April PTACHC meeting, the new Technology Committee has designed a survey to gather input and experiences regarding HCPSS-issued devices as they relate to safety, wellbeing, and learning. Responses will be kept anonymous and will be shared with HCPSS leadership and used for advocacy efforts. HCPSS has been kept informed on the development of the survey and is looking forward to seeing the results. The survey is open now until May 24.

Our ask for our Presidents and Delegates:

- Leverage the below email template to send a standalone email to your community about the survey
- Leverage the attached graphics to promote the survey on your social media through May 24
- Include the survey in your upcoming newsletters through May 24
- Include this survey link on your upcoming PTA agendas for easy reference: Link: t.ly/o2XQH

We greatly appreciate your support in distributing this survey. The more responses we are able to collect, the better our data will be!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Technology Committee directly at technology@ptachc.org.

HCPSS News: [HCPSS Safety Supply Closet](#)

HCPSS is pleased to announce the launch of our new Safety Net Supply Closet, a vital resource designed to help families prevent elopement and wandering, especially for children with special needs. This initiative provides essential equipment to create safer home environments and offers crucial peace of mind to caregivers.