

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-21
November 4, 2025**

The County Council of Cecil County met in Legislative Session at the County Administration Building, Elk Room, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Al Miller, Council President
Robert Meffley, Council Vice President
Donna Culberson, Council Member
Dawn Branch, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.cecilcountymd.gov

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of November 4, 2025, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Henson called the roll and noted that four members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Steve Hokuf, First Baptist Church, North East, offered the Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of November 4, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Session of October 21, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons expressed support for the construction of an indoor recreation facility to provide training for track teams, hosting of regional events for track and field teams, indoor graduation ceremonies and programs/activities for youth and senior citizens.

Rogers Clemens
Andrea Griffith
Tom Decker
Jill McKay
Jessica Sprout
Ryan North
Shaneen Paskings
Mary Smith
Nathaniel Smith
Raissa Moore
Brenden Hampton
Evan Cohn
Jason Callaghan
Kim Bowers
Logan Bowers
Phyllis Kilby
Travon Morgan
Elisabeth Griffin
Sean Brimm

Sean Brimm also spoke of mid-term elections and redistricting

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Branch thanked the audience for participating in the meeting.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended a meeting on October 30th with representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), during which the State of Maryland's financial outlook, rising costs and unfunded mandates were discussed.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the 63rd annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on November 1st, adding that the NAACP provides \$500-scholarships each year, and encourage the students in attendance to apply for the funding.

Councilwoman Branch expressed support for an indoor recreation facility, noting it should be designed to accommodate large events, such as High School graduation ceremonies. She requested the inclusion of a mezzanine level in the design phase.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony at the School of Technology on October 29th, adding that 74 students were recognized within 45 minutes.

Vice President Meffley noted that he attended the MACo meeting on October 30th during which the impact of the State's financial issues on counties and local governments was discussed.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on November 1st.

Vice President Meffley expressed support for an indoor recreation facility, reiterating his desire for an 80,000 sq ft building with bleachers to provide seating for large audiences. He suggested a kitchen area as well as tables and seating areas and added that the facility will require water and sewer infrastructure.

Vice President Meffley expressed appreciation to the meeting attendees and their comments.

Councilwoman Culberson expressed appreciation to the meeting attendees and their comments.

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Services Intel for the week of October 20th, stating that Emergency Services responded to 233 calls, 7 of which were mental health related; 41 domestic calls, 14 of which were physical; 4 overdoses, none of which were fatal. Councilwoman Culberson noted that during the last 43 weeks of 2025, 24 weeks (56%) saw no overdose related fatalities.

President Miller expressed appreciation to the meeting attendees. He expressed support for an indoor recreation facility, stating that tournaments draw student athletes from all around the region, adding that he would not be where he is today without his involvement in sports.

President Miller stated he appreciated all comments and expressed his support for Director Van Dyke's efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 73-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 73-2025 – Appointment – Commission on Veterans Affairs – Dylan R. Griffith

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Dylan R. Griffith to fill the vacancy left by Raymond Conger, to a term which expires October 1, 2027, to the Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on November 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on November 18, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 73-2025 provides for the appointment of Dylan Griffith to the Commission on Veterans Affairs, adding that Mr. Griffith is a veteran and is an employee of Emergency Services.

Resolution No. 74-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 74-2025 – Appointment – Board of Electricians – Joshua A. Huegel

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Joshua A. Huegel, to a term which expires November 19, 2028, to the Board of Electricians.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on November 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on November 18, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no further comments.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 67-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 67-2025 – Appointment – Police Accountability Board – Jamila Mettee

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Jamila Mettee to a term which expires December 31, 2028 to the Police Accountability Board.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on November 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no further comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 67-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 68-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 68-2025 – Appointment – Administrative Charging Committee – Michael Dawson and William Cain

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Michael Dawson and the appointment of William Cain to fill the vacancy left by John Stricklett, each to terms which expire December 31, 2028 to the Administrative Charging Committee.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on November 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration had no further comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 68-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 71-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 71-2025 – Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund – Department of Parks and Recreation – Design Phase of Indoor Recreation Center

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in order to provide a total of \$387,500 from the Fund Balance to the General Fund for the Department of Parks and Recreation to record \$387,500 for the design phase of an Indoor Recreation Center.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on November 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that on behalf of County Executive Adam Streight and Administration he expressed appreciation to the public for supporting this indoor recreation facility. He stated the design phase will be sole sourced from LDD BlueLine, a company that has expertise in designing facilities of this type. He stated the design will provide a blueprint for a facility which can be located anywhere in Cecil County, adding that the project will be presented to Council as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) in FY27.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 71-2025, which was seconded simultaneously by Councilwoman Culberson and Vice President Meffley.

Roll Call Vote: Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

The motion was approved 4-0.

Resolution No. 72-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 72-2025 – Supplemental Appropriation – Special Projects – Department of Land Use and Development Services – Zoning Ordinance Enforcement

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, in order to provide a total of \$200,000 from the General Fund to Special Projects (00122100 517900) for the Division of Planning and Zoning (Dept 221) within the Department of Land Use and Development Services to record \$200,000 for Zoning Ordinance Enforcement.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive.

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on November 4, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 72-2025 provided funding to clean up the worst Zoning Ordinance offenders, stating the program has been named “Clean and Lien” as the Division of Planning and Zoning will initiate cleanup of properties and costs associated with the cleanup will be recaptured upon sale of the property.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 72-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll Call Vote: Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller – Y

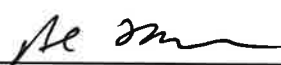
The motion was approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson and approved by all present, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The Legislative Session will be livestreamed on the County’s webpage at www.cecilcountymd.gov. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the County’s website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller, Council President

Attest:



L. Michelle Henson, Council Manager