

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-22
November 18, 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 18, 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 Richard Berry, Faith Southern Baptist Church, Elkton, offered the Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the agenda of November 18, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bill No. 2025-10 – Amendments – Cecil County Code – Chapter 39, Ethics – Additions Required by Maryland Legislation

President Miller opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Bill No. 2025-10 – Amendments – Cecil County Code – Chapter 39, Ethics – Additions Required by Maryland Legislation

A Bill to amend Cecil County Code – Chapter 39, Ethics, to add updates required under House Bill 279 (2017) Changes, and House Bills 363 and 1058 (2021) Required Changes.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025; Public Hearing scheduled on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger stated Bill No. 2025-10 provides updates to Cecil County Code Chapter 39, Ethics, as required by State of Maryland legislation.

Hearing no questions or comments from Council, President Miller queried members of the audience for comments in support of or opposition to Bill No. 2025-10.

Mr. Sean Brimm spoke in favor of Bill No. 2025-10.

Hearing no additional comments, President Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Resolution No. 69-2025 – Adoption – Solid Waste Management Plan 2026-2035

President Miller opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 69-2025 – Adopt – Solid Waste Management Plan 2026-2035

A Resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan 2026-2035, which also includes the Recycling Plan, planning period 2026-2035.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on October 21, 2025; Public Hearing scheduled on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger noted that the State of Maryland requires updating of the Solid Waste Management Plan every 10 years.

Vice President Meffley queried if Resolution No. 69-2025 amended the current Solid Waste Management Plan. Director Flanigan stated the most significant change to the Plan was the incorporation of a second medical waste facility and transfer station in the town of Elkton.

Hearing no additional questions or comments from Council, President Miller queried members of the audience for comments in support of or opposition to Resolution No. 69-2025.

Mr. Sean Brimm spoke in favor of Resolution No. 69-2025.

Hearing no additional comments, President Miller closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

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 November 4, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sean Brimm spoke against war.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Culberson thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Services Intel for the week of November 10th, reporting that Emergency Services responded to 277 calls, 11 of which were mental health related; 22 domestic calls, 15 of which were physical; and 2 overdoses, one of which resulted in a fatality.

Councilwoman Culberson wished all in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Branch thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the First Responders Appreciation Banquet on November 6th, adding her appreciation to all first responders and Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Councilwoman Branch wished all in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice President Meffley expressed his appreciation for recognition of Veterans.

Vice President Meffley stated he participated in a Veterans Day Walk at Bohemia Manor Elementary and High Schools and expressed his appreciation to the students for their support.

Vice President Meffley stated representatives of Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) and Delegation members of Districts 35 and 36 participated in the Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) meeting on November 5th, adding his appreciation for their attendance. He noted that the meeting included discussions regarding funding of road maintenance and improved safety for motorists and pedestrians.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the ribbon cutting event at the Rise and Grind coffee shop in Elkton on November 8th.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended a meeting of the Weed Control Board on November 18th, stating that the County mows approximately 653 miles of county roads twice each year and treats approximately 55 acres to combat noxious weeds, adding that farmers lose approximately 15% of their crops to noxious weeds.

President Miller stated he attended the Rising Sun Lions Club meeting on November 5th.

President Miller, referring to the CTP meeting on November 5th, reported that MTA is moving forward with funding of the design for a tunnel under Route 273 to improve pedestrian safety during events at Fair Hill.

President Miller stated he attended the Cecil County Public Schools Citizens Advisory Committee on November 17th, during which a new Math Program was introduced.

President Miller wished all in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 75-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 75-2025 – Supplemental Appropriation – General Fund – Department of Community Services – Animal Services Division – Purchase of Body Cameras and Patrol Vests

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 \$18,300 from the Fund Balance to the Department of Community Services, Fund 109, Department 392 to record \$18,300 for the purchase of Body Cameras and Patrol Vests for Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on November 18, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 75-2025 provides funding for body cameras and safety vests for Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers. He stated the purchase includes a 5th camera to be used as a backup.

Councilwoman Culberson queried if the cameras require additional funds for operational software. Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated the equipment will use the same software that supports cameras utilized in the Sheriff's Department.

Resolution No. 76-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 76-2025 – Stipend – Police Accountability Board (PAB) and Administrative Charging Commission (ACC)

A Resolution to confirm the stipend for the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC).

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

Introduced and ordered posted on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated Resolution No. 76-2025 clarifies the amount and distribution schedule of the stipends issued to members of the PAB and ACC, adding that there is no change in the amount of funds paid to these committee members.

Resolution No. 77-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 77-2025 – Appointment – Ethics Commission – Dr. Cecil Shannon Whitley

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Dr. Cecil Shannon Whitley to a term which expires October 3, 2029, to the Cecil County Ethics Commission.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated Dr. Whitley's appointment fills a vacancy left by Janet Pope, who did not wish to be reappointed.

Resolution No. 78-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 78-2025 – Police Accountability Board – Michael W. Dawson

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Michael W. Dawson 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 November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 78-2025 which provides for the appointment of Michael Dawson to the Police Accountability Board.

Vice President Meffley queried if Mr. Dawson is required to participate in training for the Board. Director of Administration Schneckenburger answered in the affirmative.

Resolution No. 79-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 79-2025 – Appointment – Planning Commission – Charles Hicks

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Charles Hicks to a term which expires August 17 2028, to the Planning Commission.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 79-2025 which provides for the reappointment of Mr. Charles Hicks to the Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 80-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 80-2025 – Appointments – Department of Social Services Board – Patricia L. Brown and Natalie Gentry

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments of Patricia L. Brown and Natalie Gentry, each to terms which expire June 30, 2029, to the Department of Social Services Board.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on November 18, 2025; and scheduled for consideration on December 2, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 80-2025 which provides for the reappointments of Ms. Patricia Brown and Ms. Natalie Gentry to the Department of Social Services Board.

Councilwoman Branch suggested that the County advertise openings on Boards and Committees via social media.

CONSIDERATION 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 Administration had no further comments.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 73-2025, 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. 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.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 74-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #142

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #142, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

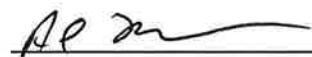
The motion was approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch and approved by all present, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 2, 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