

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-23
December 2, 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
Rebecca Hamilton, 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 December 2, 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 Sam Brindley, First Baptist Church of Perryville, offered the Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton, the Council moved to approve the agenda of December 2, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Session of November 18, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Manager Henson stated there were no speakers.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the Cecil County Public Schools (CCPS) Service Awards Gala on November 19th. She expressed appreciation to CCPS staff who were recognized for 30, 35 and 45 years of service.

Councilwoman Branch noted the Cecil County Christmas Parade will take place on December 6th in North East.

Councilwoman Branch stated December 2nd marks her first anniversary as a Councilwoman, and expressed appreciation to Cecil County citizens and the team with whom she works.

Councilwoman Hamilton stated her appreciation upon her return to Council after a month of traveling for her job.

Councilwoman Hamilton stated she utilized the County's new website during her travels to keep updated on meetings and activities, and commended the Department of Information Technology for the ease of navigating the site.

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked those in the audience for their attendance.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended the lighting the Chesapeake City Crab Pot Christmas Tree on November 29th.

Vice President Meffley stated he is a Board member of the Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) and attended a meeting on December 2nd during which an audit of MRDC's operations was conducted, which was successful.

Vice President Meffley stated the MRDC is planning the assumption of operations of a childcare facility in Denton, Maryland, which will close after 35 years due to lack of funding.

Vice President Meffley stated that MRDC provides rent payment assistance to those in need.

Vice President Meffley expressed his hope of combining services such as rental assistance and social services under one department.

Vice President Meffley noted the difficulty in recruiting volunteers for boards such as the MRDC.

President Miller thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

President Miller stated he recently attended an Agriculture class at Cecil College, during which he discussed opportunities in the Agricultural field. He stated the class also discussed impacts of solar on the agriculture industry.

President Miller stated he attended the CCPS Service Awards Gala on November 19th.

President Miller stated his grandchildren enjoyed visiting the Santa House in North East.

President Miller commended the business owners in North East, stating everyone was friendly and welcoming.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 81-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 81-2025 Approval – Nuisance Flooding Plan 2025-2030

A Resolution to adopt the Cecil County Nuisance Flooding Plan

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

Introduced and ordered posted on December 2, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on December 16, 2025.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Resolution No. 81-2025 provided an updated Nuisance Flooding Plan, as required by the State of Maryland.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that flash flooding is a top priority for the County Administration.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that the SAS Institute is working with the Town of Elkton to create mapping of upstream areas to develop better response time to flooding events.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 69-2025

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 69-2025 Adoption – 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 stated that the County is required to update its Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) every ten years. He stated the Plan includes processes for disposal of medical waste from 2 facilities that operate within the municipal limits of Elkton.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 69-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 enhances transparency for Animal Welfare Enforcement Officers as they interact with the public.

Vice President Meffley stated his support for purchase of the equipment.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 75-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 76-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 the appointment of Dr. Whitley completes the membership roster of the Ethics Commission.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 77-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 that Administration had no further comments.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution No. 78-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 stated that Administration had no further comments.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 79-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

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 stated that Administration had no further comments.

Councilwoman Branch made a motion to approve Resolution No. 80-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Bill No. 2025-10

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) 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 Schneckenburger stated Bill No. 2025-10 brings the County into compliance with State legislation.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Bill No. 2025-10, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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

The motion was approved 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Hamilton and approved by all present, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, December 16, 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