

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2025-03
February 4, 2025

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

Al Miller, Council President
Bob Meffley, Vice President
Rebecca Hamilton, Council Member
Donna Culberson, Council Member
Dawn Branch, Council Member

NOTE: The recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org/council.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Council Manager Culver called the roll and noted that all five members were present.

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pastor Dr. Harold Phillips of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Port Deposit gave the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of February 4, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

W. L. Gore – Brantwood Park Donation

Councilwoman Hamilton read the proclamation for W. L. Gore for the \$10,000 donation made for equipment at Brantwood Park. Michael Ratchford for W. L. Gore thanked Council for the proclamation and noted Gore will continue to be a corporate partner with Cecil County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Vice President Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of January 21, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Brimm of North East spoke in favor of the BOE budget request for small capital projects.
Lisa Nurnberger of North East spoke on Black History Month.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Culberson gave an update on the intel numbers for the previous week. She also attended the Chamber of Commerce State of the County address on January 30. She also attended the Board of Education budget meeting.

Councilwoman Hamilton thanked everybody for attending and for the presentation from Cecil College.

Councilwoman Branch also attended the Chamber State of the County breakfast on January 30. She also noted the Board of Education budget workshops.

Vice President Meffley noted he also attended the Chamber State of the County Breakfast. He also noted that MRDC Head Start Program was not subject to the federal freeze of grants. He also thanked the administration for helping with permits being issued.

President Miller attended the community meeting on the Elkton Library renovation. He also attended the Board of Education budget workshop. He also attended the Farm Bureau Meeting on February 3. He also attended the State of the Council address at the January 30 Chamber breakfast.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 10-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation - Grant Funds— Community Services – Human Services Division – Rape Crisis Funding

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in order to provide a total of \$50,000.00 to the Community Services Grants Fund – Department of Community Services, Human Services Division, Fund 109, Department 533, to record a grant awarded from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, through the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Grant funds will cover travel, training, contractual services and supplies related to Rape Crisis services.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this grant will give the rape crisis center an additional \$50,000.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 11-2025 - Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Tyler Adams

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Tyler Adams, who is replacing Mary McLennan, Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees, which will expire on December 31, 2025.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this appointment will fill the vacant position on Pension Board.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 12-2025 - Appointment—Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board – Patrick Campbell

Synopsis: A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Ex-Officio Member Patrick Campbell, who is replacing Wayne Tome, to the Cecil County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board for a three (3) year term to expire June 1, 2027.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on February 4, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 18, 2025.

Director of Administration Dan Schneckenburger noted this appointment is to fill the Code mandated position on this Board.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 03-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation - Grant Funds - Emergency Services - Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in order to provide a total of \$75,000 to the Department of Emergency Services, Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program Fund to record a Community Investment Fund awarded from ChristianaCare to support the salary of a Paramedic who will be dedicated to coordinate a new Mobile Integrated Healthcare program in cooperation with ChristianaCare, Cecil County Health Department and West Cecil Health.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 04-2025 - Appointment – Board of Parks and Recreation – Megan Coleman, Donald Harmer, Kristen Lehr, and Bernard Brown

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Megan Coleman, to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2026, Donald Harmer, to a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2027, and Kristen Lehr and Bernard Brown, to a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2028.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Culberson.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 05-2025 - Appointment - Soil Conservation Board - Bruce Yerkes

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Bruce Yerkes to the Cecil County Soil Conservation Board to a five-year term to expire on January 21, 2029.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 06-2025 - Appointment – Board of Library Trustees – Shirley McCrary-Simmons, Joanne Morton, Jonathan Stauffer

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Shirley McCrary-Simmons to the Board of Library Trustees, for a five-year term that will expire on January 7, 2029, Joanne Morton, to a five-year term that will expire on December 3, 2028, and Jonathan Stauffer, to a five-year term that will expire on September 3, 2029.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 07-2025 - Appointment - Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission – Captain William Jolly

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Captain William Jolly to the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission, which is to expire September 31, 2028.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 07-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 08-2025 - Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Dan Schneckenburger, Patrick Campbell and Sally Dulin

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Dan Schneckenburger to a three-year term, which will expire on December 31, 2027, Patrick Campbell and Sally Dulin, serve until their appointment ends or if such Trustee has been designated by a County Officer, until the term of office or appointment of the county officer who appointed such trustees ends to the Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

No additional comments were offered.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution 08-2025, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – Y, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 5 to 0.

Council Manager Culver stated for the record:

Resolution 09-2025 - Supplemental Appropriation – FY25 - General Fund Balance – Cecil County Public Schools – Small Capital Investment Projects

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to provide the Board of Education budget with additional Small Capital expenditure appropriation authority to utilize \$1,787,727 in funds from the General Fund Balance to complete the small capital investments as attached on Exhibit 1.

Introduced, read for the first time, order posted on January 21, 2025 and scheduled for consideration on February 4, 2025.

Councilwoman Hamilton inquired if the BOE follows the same general procedure for bidding projects that the County government uses, and Acting Finance Director Andrew Ondish noted they do use a similar process. Councilwoman Hamilton again requested that Council be given an update on the status of these projects at the end of August.

Vice President Meffley made a motion to approve Resolution 09-2025, which was seconded by Councilwoman Branch.

Roll call vote: Hamilton – Y, Culberson – N, Branch – Y, Meffley – Y, Miller - Y
The motion was approved 4 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Culberson, seconded by Councilwoman Branch, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

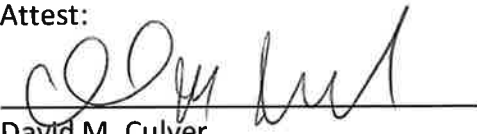
Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building. The legislative session will be livestreamed at the county's webpage at www.ccgov.org/council. The recording and transcription will be uploaded to the county's website as soon as possible.

Approved:



Al Miller
Council President

Attest:


David M. Culver
Council Manager