

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2026-04
February 17, 2026**

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 February 17, 2026, was called to order by Council President Miller at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

President Miller led all those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Miller offered the Opening Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Vice President Meffley, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the agenda of February 17, 2026. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Gregory commented on Council's previous discussions with the Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC) regarding Maryland Rural Economic Development Fund grants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Branch, seconded by Councilwoman Culberson, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Legislative Session of February 3, 2026.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Culberson provided Emergency Services intel for the week ending February 15th, stating that responders handled 226 calls, 15 of which were mental-health related; 41 domestic calls, 21 of which were physical; and 5 overdoses, none of which resulted in a fatality. She noted that there were 0 overdose-related fatalities for 8 consecutive weeks. She commended the public education efforts of first responders, community groups including Voices of Hope, and the Cecil County Health Department.

Councilwoman Branch thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Branch announced that the Town of North East is seeking volunteers for a planned Community Garden.

Councilwoman Branch stated she attended the State of the County event on February 12th, adding that it is a great event.

Councilwoman Branch stated that Elyse Murray, President of the Cecil County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), clarified that she did not request HB 0815.

Vice President Meffley stated he visited Bo Manor High School to wish good luck to the student runners who were on their way to State competition. He stated that an indoor recreation facility will benefit student athletes by providing a place to train.

Vice President Meffley stated that he will join County Executive Streight, Director of Administration Schneckenburger and representatives of the Town of Perryville on February 19th in Annapolis to testify in opposition to HB 0758 which affects Cecil County and Perryville's Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) grant funds.

Vice President Meffley stated he attended a recent meeting of the Cecil County Senior Citizens of Earleville.

President Miller stated he attended the State of the County event on February 12th and commended the Cecil County Chamber of Commerce for coordination of the program. He expressed appreciation to the Government Relations Committee for supporting the County.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 05-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 05-2026 Appointment – Commission for Women – Abigail Bingham, Sharone Glasco, Jennifer Cooper, Tracy Reynolds, Donna Horgan and Rachel Wright

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Abigail Bingham, and the appointments of Sharone Glasco and Jennifer Cooper, with terms to expire on March 3, 2029, and Tracy Reynolds and Donna Horgan, with terms to expire on March 3, 2028, and Rachel Wright, with a term to expire on March 3, 2027 to the Commission for Women.

Introduced by Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on February 17, 2026; and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2026.

Director of Administration Schneckenburger stated that Administration has been working to repopulate the Commission for Women, which had been dormant since 2023.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 04-2026

Council Manager Henson stated for the record:

Resolution No. 04-2026 Appointment – Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees – Stephen Brownhill and Colin Shaw

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Stephen Brownhill and the appointment of Colin Shaw, to terms which expire December 31, 2028, to the Public Safety Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

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

Introduced and ordered posted on February 3, 2026; scheduled for consideration on February 17, 2026.

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

President Miller requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-2026.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-2026, which was seconded by Vice President Meffley.

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 #145

President Miller requested a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #145.

Councilwoman Culberson made a motion to approve Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #145, 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 7:14 p.m.

Council President Miller announced that the next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 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