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Council approves multiple appointments and two county resolutions; public hearings held on plats and police accountability board

The Harford County Council approved multiple executive and advisory-board appointments and passed two resolutions during its legislative session. The council also held public hearings on two bills: a proposed change to subdivision plat size requirements and an amendment related to the Police Accountability Board; those hearings were not concluded with a final vote.

Appointments and confirmations

- The council moved to approve the appointments of Bernard Hennigan and Paige Dillon to the Office of Mental Health Core Services Agency of Harford County; the motion carried with five votes in the affirmative and one abstention, and the appointments were approved. (Mover: councilmember Bennett; second: recorded as “Mister Ginger Dowd” in the transcript.)

- The council approved the reappointment of Kristen Cline as chair of the Harford Center board of directors. The roll call as recorded in the transcript shows seven votes in the affirmative and zero negative votes.

- The council approved the new appointment of Thomas Cusick to the Harford County Public Library Board of Trustees by recorded roll call (seven in favor, zero opposed).

- The council reappointed Tammy Fitzgerald to the Advisory Board on Aging (seven in favor, zero opposed).

- The council reappointed Kathleen Ward and David Pickett to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board (seven in favor, zero opposed).

Resolutions

- Resolution 014-25, Master Water and Sewer Plan Update, Fall 2025, was moved, seconded and approved by roll call (seven in favor, zero opposed).

- Resolution 034-25, Brandon Shores retirement mitigation project (introduced by Councilmember Imhoff), asks Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. to minimize impacts on affected communities, resolve land-title issues before construction, provide fair compensation where impacts occur, bury transmission lines where feasible and remain within existing footprints where possible. The council moved and immediately passed the resolution by roll call; the transcript records seven votes in the affirmative and zero negative votes.

Public hearings

- Bill 25-009 (subdivision plats): The hearing addressed an amendment to Harford County Code section 268-21 to allow plats up to 24 by 36 inches rather than the current 24 by 20 inches. No one was signed up to speak during the hearing, and the council indicated it will take the item up at a future meeting.

- Bill 25-010 (Police Accountability Board): The public hearing covered changes prompted by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission's definition of "local government body." County staff explained how the new language restores shared authority between the county executive and county council for Harford County; no final action was taken and the council will take the item up at a future meeting.

Votes at a glance

- Appointments (Bernard Hennigan; Paige Dillon): approved, 5 yes, 1 abstain.
- Kristen Cline (Harford Center chair, reappointment): approved, 7-0.
- **Thomas Cusick (Library Board): approved, 7-0.**
- Tammy Fitzgerald (Advisory Board on Aging reappointment): approved, 7-0.
- Kathleen Ward and David Pickett (Adult Public Guardianship Review Board reappointments): approved, 7-0.
- Resolution 014-25 (Master Water and Sewer Plan Update): approved, 7-0.
- Resolution 034-25 (Brandon Shores mitigation): approved, 7-0.

Several items heard during the public hearings will return for further council consideration; no final votes were taken on the two bills that drew public hearings.

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