

# Howard County Citizens Association

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

October 10, 2024

**Location:** BA AUTOCARE, 9577 Berger Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046.

**Board Attendees:** Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Brian England, Paul Verchinski, JD Smith, Howard Johnson, Kristy Hartman Mumma, and Alan Schneider, Secretary. Board meeting commenced at 7:05 PM.

1. Treasurer report sent by JD Smith was approved. JD Smith retired with honors and distinction. JD Smith will work with Kristy Hartman Mumma on a transition. JD Smith will continue as a non-voting Board Member emeritus.
2. Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
3. APFO Task Force. Lisa Markovitz is on the APFO Task Force Committee. Concerns were discussed regarding continued high regard and reputation for Howard County Schools, including deferred maintenance, safety of the increasing number of portable trailers, and deficient infrastructure planning. Task Force to hold a public meeting on Nov. 6.
4. HCCA testimony. Stu Kohn discussed CB59 regarding extended storage in a B2 zone, and was authorized to testify for HCCA; Lisa Markovitz abstained from voting.
5. The Board approved supporting Question A on the Nov. 5 ballot for a Howard County Inspector General, and approved testimony by Board members in support of CB47 and CB48 regarding procedures for implementation.
6. Gateway Plan Status. Brian England led the discussion regarding the concept plans, and concerns regarding integration of proposed concept plans with Howard County's general plan, the process for approval, limitations, and planning omissions.
7. HCCA member interaction. Public meetings were discussed and to be further considered.
8. BWI Noise. Howard Johnson is the Chairman of the Roundtable. Howard Johnson and Paul Verchinski discussed the current status. Changes in aircraft East/West traffic flow were initiated in September. The Department of Transportation has a process for monitoring. A monitoring contractor will issue its report in January. More data will be available in April.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 PM.

Alan Schneider, Secretary