

Howard County Citizens Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors

February 4, 2026

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

Board Attendees: Stu Kohn, President, Lisa Markovitz, Vice President, Kristy Hartman Mumma, Treasurer, Karina Fisher, Brian England, Ryan Powers, Howard Johnson, and Alan Schneider, Secretary.

1. Treasury Report. Kristy Mumma's treasurer's report was presented and approved. The official address for HCCA is 8815 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, Md. 21045.
2. Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Board meeting were approved for posting.
3. Brief discussion of January's testimonies to be posted on the HCCA website.
4. New membership information will include benefits for paid members, noting attendance at Board meetings and input for testimony. Voting rights are only for election of Board members. Ryan suggested reaching out to past members for input.
5. Business cards were approved. Lisa Markovitz will order.
6. Ryan Powers discussed his concerns regarding CB 3 and CB 11. Discussion included questions regarding Howard County support of nonprofit organizations, and ADUs. Ryan will draft testimony for Board review and approval for February 17th testimony.
7. CB 14-ZRA 214 was discussed. The full zoning impact of a ZRA needs to be more fully disclosed and understood before adoption. Alan Schneider will research and draft testimony for Board review and approval for February 17th testimony.
8. Proposed Candidate Forum. Discussion continued from the prior meeting. A forum will be held in the last two weeks of March. Discussion included invitees, agenda, and questions to be asked. Lisa Markovitz will contact others regarding dates and locations to be published when finalized. Cosponsorship was also discussed.
9. School Budget Town Hall Meeting. Ryan will respond to HoCo Indivisible's email, regarding a Town Hall meeting on the Education budget, which email would state that HCCA has decided to participate at this event with other groups primarily focused on education.
10. Rules for Testimony by Board members. Policies were discussed. Rules to be circulated for further review

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The March meeting is scheduled for March 4.

Alan Schneider, Secretary