

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, 1ST OF 2024-25 SESSIONS

Location: Howard High School Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order at 7:30 PM, quorum was established.
 - The mission statement was presented and the board for this school year was introduced.
 - Board members and committee chairs in attendance
 - Terri Marcus, President
 - Karina Fisher, Executive Vice President
 - Angela Shiplet, Vice President of Operations
 - Catherine Carter, Vice President of Issues
 - Laurie Ramey, Treasurer
 - Ruth Cung, Secretary
 - Brent Loveless, Legislative Committee Chair
 - Lisa Loveless, Policy Committee Chair

- II. Terri Marcus presented the President's report.
 - Role of PTACHC Delegates
 - The delegate's job is to report back to your school PTA what we present and discuss at these meetings. Voting members (president and up to two delegates) at meetings may vote for or against a certain position PTACHC wants to take on a county-wide issue. Each delegate can only cast one vote, i.e. on behalf of one school PTA. PTACHC delegate duties can be found on our website – www.ptachc.org.
 - Updates
 - Free State PTA held its annual convention 7/20-7/21. PT(S)A members from Howard County and four PTACHC board members attended the convention.
 - PTACHC is holding in-person Treasurer and Leadership trainings. Treasurer training is mandatory for Treasurer and one other officer. Free State PTA offers virtual trainings.
 - PTACHC is holding a Candidate Forum for the fall election on 10/6 /24 from 10:30AM-12PM at Homewood School Cafeteria.
 - Terri is participating in the HB1450 TASK FORCE to find new sources of capital funding to meet the school system's capital funding needs. Brent is on the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) Review Committee. Catherine is chair of our Operating Budget Review Committee with Anthony Debella as an alternate. We have found volunteers to sit on the HCPSS Advisory Workgroup on Student Personal Technology in Schools.
 - Every 3 years all PTAs have to conduct a bylaw review. Most of our PTAs last submitted their bylaws in 2022. Your school must form a bylaw committee this year if due. PTACHC will form a bylaw review committee at the October meeting.

- III. Karina Fisher presented the Executive Vice-President's report.

- IV. Angela Shiplet (2023-2024 Secretary) presented the minutes from the June 2024 General Meeting.

- The following items have been amended but were not in the copies printed for the meeting: Altholton should be Atholton, Boards manship should be Boardsmanship, Financial Review should be Financial Review committees, added last names for Laurie Ramey, Angela Shiplet, Karina Fisher, Catherine Carter.
 - Motion to approve as amended
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adopted
- V. Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer’s Reports for June, July, and August.
- Note for July and August there was no approved budget to be provided as part of the Treasurer’s Reports.
 - PTACHC 2024-2025 School Year Budget
 - Emailed to the delegates for review
 - Motion to approve
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adopted
 - Motion made to allow PTACHC to make recurring payments to Verizon by directly deducting money from PTACHC's bank account
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adopted
 - The PTACHC financial review was completed.
 - Six treasurer financial trainings were scheduled in-person at libraries with three remaining. Laurie can provide attendance information by request.
- VI. Guest Speaker Mr. William Barnes, Superintendent HCPSS, provided an overview of his strategic vision and focus areas and answered audience questions.
- Focus areas: Culture of accountability and transparency, Blueprint, Learning, Transportation, Human Resources, Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, Budget
 - Strategic vision requires feedback from community/stakeholders. Bill will visit all schools once by the end of January, and then again.
- VII. Brent Loveless presented the Legislative Report/Positions.
- VIII. Ben Schmidt presented the Howard County Educator Association (HCEA) report. HCEA will be back at the bargaining table later in the fall for salary negotiations, previous agreement was for 2024-2025 only.
- IX. Wrap-up
- Delegates should take the PTACHC delegate survey and QR code will be sent out by email.
- X. Adjournment
- Motion made to adjourn the meeting

- All approved, no abstentions
- Adjourned at 9:17 PM.