

PTA COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 2ND OF 2024-25 SESSIONS

Location: Homewood School Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order at 7:30 PM, quorum was established. Board members and committee chairs in attendance
 - Terri Marcus, President
 - Karina Fisher, Executive Vice President
 - Angela Shippet, 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
 - Terri Marcus presented the mission statement and requested bylaws committee volunteers. Delegates from Dunloggin and Swansfield volunteered for the committee.
 - Karina Fisher informed about the successful October 4th Candidate forum and the virtual Advocacy 101 presentation on 11/14/24, details posted to the PTACHC website.
- II. Ruth Cung presented the minutes from the September 2024 General Meeting. Laurie Ramey presented the Treasurer's report.
 - Motion to approve September 2024 General Meeting minutes
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adopted
- III. Guest speaker Brian Bassett, HCPSS Director Communication & Engagement, provided an overview of the progress to date with the HCPSS Student Personal Device Use in Schools Review. He presented the results of the recent stakeholder survey that was open to HCPSS staff, students, and parents and solicited feedback from the general membership.
- IV. Guest Speakers Members of the Howard County Delegation Senators Katie Fry Hester, Clarence Lam; Delegates Chao Wu, Natalie Ziegler, Courtney Watson, Pam Guzzone, Jessica Feldmark, and Terri Hill provided overviews of key legislations they are supporting or those relating to education and took questions from the audience.
- V. Board of Education representative Linfeng Chen provided an update on transportation and budget planning. HCPSS representative James LeMon provided information about mental health support services for students.

VI. Brent Loveless discussed the upcoming APFO public testimony session on 11/6/24 and requested support and participation from the membership.

VII. Adjournment

- Motion made to adjourn the meeting
 - All approved, no abstentions
 - Adjourned at 9:42 PM.

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