

Planning Board Agenda

July 9, 2026

The Howard County Planning Board will hold a public meeting/hearing both in-person and online. The in-person meeting will take place in the C Vernon Gray Room at the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. To attend virtually, register at <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/planning-board> before 7:00 p.m. on July 8, 2026. For any updates to the meeting location, please visit the Planning Board website.

1. Call to Order / Welcome
2. Establishment of Quorum
3. Review and Approval of Agenda
4. Review and Approval of Minutes
5. Chair Items to be discussed
6. Executive Secretary Items to be discussed
7. **New Town Task Force Report**

A New Town Task Force was appointed by the County Executive via [executive order](#) on May 14, 2025 with an amendments issued on [June 3, 2025](#) and [May 12, 2026](#). The Task Force evaluated present New Town regulations, found in Section 125 of the Howard County Zoning Code, and developed recommendations for improving the New Town zoning model that governs land use in much of the master-planned community of Columbia. The task force's findings and final recommendations can be found on the [New Town Task Force website](#). The facilitation team for the task force will be presenting a summary of the task force process, final report, and recommendations to the Planning Board on July 9th, 2026.