

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

Council Members Mason Carter, Jerry Donald, Kavonte Duckett, M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Renee Knapp, Steve McKay, and Brad Young were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Sydnee Klimko, Legislative Analyst, County Council; and Abby Boroughs, Administrative Assistant, County Council. Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council operated the County Council live call-in line.

Council President Brad Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Opening Statement from Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcome to the Legislative Day for Tuesday, June 17, 2025, and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Brad Young asked staff to call roll and a quorum was established.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the agenda for 06/17/2025 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Betty Law
- Marti Kirkpatrick
- Steve Black
- Teresa Finorri
- Kathy Kinsey

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With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member M.C Keegan-Ayer moved to approve the minutes from 06/17/ 2025 as presented. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Budget Adjustments – Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office

Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the following budget adjustments:

- J-25-347 – County Executive’s Office, Administration
- J-25-360 – Division of Emergency Management
- J-25-362 – Division of Economic Development
- J-25-363 – Division of Emergency Management

Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Steve McKay opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Interagency Internal Audit Authority Appointment Confirmation – Tricia Reaver, Director of Internal Audit

Council Member Steve McKay moved to confirm the County Executive’s reappointment of Mr. Emeka Enworom to his public seat on the Interagency Internal Audit Authority

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(IIA). Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Frederick Community College Budget Ratification

Council Member Renee Knapp moved to approve the Frederick Community College FY 2026 Budget, which includes the FY 2026 Operating budget of \$78,776,318, the FY 2026 Auxiliary Enterprise budget- Bookstore of \$1,681,000., and the FY 2026 CIP budget of \$10,318,550. Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Steve McKay opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

First Reading Calendar:

- a) Proposed Bill - Establish a Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone – Council President Brad Young

Council President Brad Young introduced a proposed bill titled Establish a Critical Digital Infrastructure Overlay Zone.

Third Reading Calendar:

- a) Bill 25-08 - To Amend the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee – Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett

Council Vice President Kavonté Duckett moved to approve Bill 25-08 - To Amend the

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Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter	X		
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Motion to go into Closed Session

At 5:56 p.m., Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer moved to go into closed session under Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3) to consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition. Topic: To discuss the Critical Farms settlements. Council Member Renee Knapp seconded the motion that passed 6-1, with Council Member Mason Carter opposed.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 3 – Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 – Duckett	X		
District 5 – Carter		X	
At Large – Knapp	X		
Presiding Officer – Young	X		

Public Comment

Public Comment was heard from:

- Faith Clarish
- Ken Stevens
- Anne Garnet
- Dr. Kesselring
- Dave Rock
- Dr. Polly Metzinger
- Jeananne Cameron
- Mary Swift

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- George Carol
- Will Plumley
- Jennifer Harrison
- Hope Green
- James Coulomb
- Dale Franklin
- Brian Sweeney
- Elliot Biggs
- Tena Meadows O'Rear
- Grady O'Rear
- Elizabeth Bauer
- Mary Homestag
- Will Everett
- Lisa Gaver
- Rob Oakley
- Meredith Lions
- Gene Butler
- Mary Posey

With no further comments, Council President Brad Young closed Public Comment.

Council Member Comments

Council Member comments were provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – Workshop
- Tuesday, July 1, 2025 – Legislative Day

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Brad W. Young, President
County Council

