

NAACP Howard County  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes

Date: February 28, 2019

Time: 6:30

Location: Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, Maryland 21044

PRESIDENT

\*People's Resiliency Campaign's focus is to include and involve the entire community with telling their stories, promote mentoring and early access to stem. Also encourage summer youth jobs/ programs.

\*We participated in Chief Gardner's retirement and installation of Chief Lisa Myers.

ACT-SO

\*Past Sunday changes were voted on.

\*Deadline for applications for ACT-SO are March 15, 2019. Dr. Jones is reviewing all applications.

\* Monday March 18, 2019 there is a meeting at Ridgley run and March 30. 2019 there is a mentor meeting.

\* There was a conference call last night with the National NAACP Directors about the Detroit Conference.

\*At the Harriet Tubman program last Saturday, the Youth Council members were introduced.

Education

\*On February 19, 2019, Howard County Board of Education adopted its operating budget request for the 2019-2020 school year (FY 2020) totaling \$972.7 million dollars. This request represents a \$25.7 million-dollar reduction to the Superintendent's budget proposal, with expansions in special education, diversity initiatives and mental health expansion.

\*We are active on several working groups and committees regarding diversity, equity and inclusion.

\*May 1, 2019 is first teacher of color recruitment day. Potential teachers will be taken on tours of

\*schools and will go over the application process.

\*April 3, 2019 will be the next community town Hall for discipline work groups.

\*In April we will also have the black student achievement program's first college signing day. Michelle Obama was instrumental in implementing this concept. Information is posted on the portal.

Technology

\*Committee is working on a November Forum which will include Stem in coordination with the education committee and appropriate policies. Meeting this month to work on business sponsors.

\*want to analyze and investigate the artificial intelligence machine.

Freedom Fund

\*Event will be held at the Hotel and Arundel Preserve on May 11, 2019 at 10:00am.

\*Asking people to sponsor and to buy tables

\* Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of UMBC and Dr. Calvin Ball Howard County Executive are among the guest speakers.

\*Sponsorship packages are available at [howardcountynaacp.com](http://howardcountynaacp.com)

\*ACT-So participant will showcase at the brunch

\*Hammond High School Jazz Band will be entertaining us, and we will celebrate mother's day.

\*Contact Stephanie Wall at [stephaniewall4u@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniewall4u@gmail.com) for information.

### Political Action

\* The speaker at the political action event scheduled for Monday was asked to step away from speaking after making racist comments referring to Prince George's County.

\*The community the comment was made about has been de-valued with subprime loans which is another issue and level of predatory practice. The Speaker was the sponsor of a Green Energy Bill which is why she was asked to speak.

### Membership

\*Committee meets as often as once a week on how to ensure top membership.

\*hashtags have been created and push to use more Instagram and facebook posts.

\*[membership@howardcountynaacp.com](mailto:membership@howardcountynaacp.com) is our contact information.

\*looking to help younger groups see the benefit of being a member.

\* Working on script to have an everybody campaign with goals like 1,000 in next 6 months.

### Youth Council

\*attended the State Black Caucus youth day. The event helped youth connect with legislators.

\* There are 7-8 active members in the Youth Council we want to increase that number

\*Thank you to the adult branch who gave \$200 for our trip with the National Society of Black Engineers.

\*Public Schools and Y central Maryland to get sponsorship for families with aspirations of going to camp.

### Secretary

\*A Motion to approve and adopt minutes for December 27, 2018, general membership meeting was made by Dr. Jenkins Odom and accepted by the body.

\*Dr. Jenkins Odom made a Motion to approve and adopt the January 24, 2019, general membership meeting minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted with the amendment that the year be reflected as 2019 as opposed to 2018.

### Public Safety

\*The Committee met with the new Chief of Police, Lisa Myers and had a wonderful meeting. Howard County Police should be proud.

\*In March the committee will meet with the new Sheriff Marcus Harris.

### **Guests:**

\*Luther Johnson, Police Major discussed a golf tournament to do something positive for the youth. The Tournament will be at Turf Valley on August 26, 2019. Volunteers are needed to make it work and police will take care of the logistics.

Al Wilson and Tim McCreedy (TeeMacGolf LLC. Com) are two experienced golfers who have dedicated themselves to helping with the project. They discussed their business and willingness to teach golf.

\*Craig George from Northeast MagLav spoke about the future of the fastest train in the North East Corridor which is coming soon.

\*Tammy Lynch spoke about the creation of Players against Hate in response to the unacceptable treatment of a black student hockey player. The organization raises awareness that hate has no place in sports.

Ronald Royster, National Society of Black Engineers Howard County Chapter spoke about various opportunities.

Najee Bailey- spoke on Next Gen programs and meeting with President Derrick Johnson

Tiffany - Next Gen spoke about opportunities to get involved with leadership programs.

Motion: Charles Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Stephanie Wall.