



## UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

### Full UCAB Meeting MINUTES

January 26, 2026

#### HYBRID MEETING

**In Person:** UpCounty Regional Services Center  
12900 Middlebrook Rd, Germantown, MD 20874

**Online Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86764418255>

Meeting ID: 867 6441 8255

**By phone:** 301-715-8592

7:03 p.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

7:04 p.m. **Minutes Approved**

Moved by Andrew Saundry, Seconded by Connie Golleher

7:05 p.m. **Police Report**

*Commander Dillman (D#6, Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village):*

Crime data—trend is good over all; notes overdoses down, traffic stops up 213 percent

Arrest of serial peeping tom aided by drone tracking

Shooting in early January over a jacket—certain brands are targeted for robberies

*Commander Picerno (D#5, Germantown):*

Crime data—similar trend to D6. Commercial burglaries are up, primarily vape shops.

Damascus murder clothing—online purchase—targeted mooseknuckle jackets—noted that there is a safe exchange zone in front of the Germantown station.

*Commander Satinsky (represented by a Lieutenant)(D#1, Rockville):*

Crime Suppression Task Force along 355—traffic enforcement, theft from auto, and shoplifting. Includes Poolesville traffic enforcement efforts

Discussion of how to conduct oneself if participating in ICE watches

Commanders expressed concern that a legitimate operation will be disrupted.

Emphasized that most federal law enforcement does not know local laws or undergo training on how to interact with general public (e.g., deescalation training)

Discussion of increase in traffic fatalities—common elements are speed and impairment

Morale of force—until recently ability to reengage with community had been positive; however, staffing shortages and reliance on overtime still an issue with morale and fatigue

Question of how noncontact shootings show up in crime data—would be under assault category or vandalism if noncontact—not separated out; noted that work with FBI to compare casings which leads to arrests; trends over time tend to ebb and flow.

7:35 p.m. County Council Updates

**Leudtke:** reminder re upcoming CIP hearings

**Balcombe:** Noted zoning text amendment on Data Centers—public hearing 2/24—Councilmember to be guest at next UCAB meeting—UCAB members voiced concerns regarding electric usage, forest conservation, and water use.

**Sayles:** noted upcoming hearing on emergency bill for \$1 million to stabilize county health programs

7:48 p.m.

### **Committee Reports**

Land use: Paul summarized meeting with Laurie Babb from the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC)—noted upcoming strategic planning process—at-large discussion noted seeing gap regarding small business in current strategic plan, need to narrow focus of MCEDC's strategic plan seems too broad and with too little detail.

Quality of Life: Colin reviewed meeting with Gaithersburg Germantown Chamber of Commerce and emphasis on how it can be difficult for smaller businesses to navigate county government, perspective that county was focused on larger businesses.

7:58 p.m.

### **Economic Development Discussion**

*Judy Costello, Director Economic Development Special Projects*

*Naddia Clute, Business Center Manager, Office of the County Executive*

Judy noted her background in supporting biotech companies and small businesses.

Business Center rebranded 3 years ago to focus more on small businesses; takes inquiries from those who want to start a business—connect to funding programs and help navigate county government; Naddia meets with Chambers monthly.

Noted MCEDC has a new CEO, confidence expressed that new CEO is outcomes-oriented.

Judy noted that in Germantown, we have space that is adaptable to biotech and defense.

County has been changing some of their grant programs—ensure that money will reach new businesses in the Upcounty, which had not always been the case.

Concern was noted that there were many county programs and resources, but most seemed siloed; need for interaction between education, transportation, permitted, all of which feeds into economic and business development.

Noted new green codes for buildings—need for adaptability for some biotech firms to be able to comply—most corporations have sustainability mandates, but codes would be a bigger issue for retail. Noted that, although County has sectors it focuses on, those companies need more than specialists.

8:46 p.m.

### **Community Concerns**

Noted 2/6 Clarksburg Neighbors Alliance meeting

Upcoming point and time count for homelessness—112 had volunteered in Upcounty, but count may be postponed due to inclement weather which would not produce an accurate count

Noted Upcounty Task Force on Homelessness—discussing increase in outreach workers and finding a drop-in center

- 8:48 p.m.      **Regional Director's Update**  
Highlighted response to snow storm, including housing unhoused during ice/snow/cold.
- Noted rally to reopen White's Ferry
- Applications opened for Place-Based Grants--\$50,000 available for Damascus
- 8:50 p.m.      **Discussion of CIP**  
Released 1/15; most of our asks are similar to last year;
- Amendments to letter discussed—stylistic rather than substantive
- Move to adopt as amended  
Moved by Paul Klee, seconded by Mary Keane
- Letter approved as amended—14 for, none opposed
- 8:58 p.m.      **Adjourn**  
Moved by Connie Golleher; seconded by Paul Klee

Roll Call (P) Present (EA) Excused Absence (A) Absent

Andrew Saundry (P)  
Christel Bivens (P)  
Colin Richard (P)  
Constance Golleher (P)  
Dana Pauley (P)  
Denesh Malaveetil (P)  
Jason George (P)  
Lynn Arndt (PA)  
Marc Robles (P)  
Mary Keane (P)  
Matthew Woorman (P)  
Melane Hoffmann (A)  
Michelle Ashafa (P)  
Paul Klee (P)  
Paul Lauria (P)  
Sarah Stevens (P)  
Sharon Anthony (P)  
Steven Muse (P)  
Teresa Watkins (P)  
Woody Woodroof (P)