

Chapter 576

(House Bill 839)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick Community College – Board of Trustees – Meeting and Training Requirements

FOR the purpose of establishing certain public comment requirements and recording requirements for the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County; requiring the members of the Board to undergo certain training; and generally relating to the Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 16–407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Public comment enables and enhances communication and transparency between decision-making bodies and the community; and

WHEREAS, The Frederick County Delegation acknowledges Frederick Community College’s efforts to engage with the public; and

WHEREAS, This Act is intended to supplement Frederick Community College’s efforts to engage with the public; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

16–407.

(a) The Board of Community College Trustees for Frederick County consists of seven members. Of the members:

(1) Each shall be a resident of Frederick County; and

(2) Each shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of 5 years.

(b) (1) A member of the Board of Community College Trustees may not serve more than three consecutive 5-year terms.

(2) A member of the Frederick County Board of Education may not serve on the Board of Community College Trustees.

(c) Each member of the Board is entitled to \$500 a year for expenses.

(D) EACH MEETING OF THE BOARD SHALL INCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

(E) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE A VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF EACH MEETING OF THE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL MAKE A RECORDING REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE WITHOUT CHARGE AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WITHIN 2 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE RECORDING IS MADE.

(F) (1) THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN IN PERPETUITY A VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY MINUTES OF THE BOARD.

(2) THE BOARD MAY TRANSCRIBE A VIDEO RECORDING REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION IF:

(i) THE VIDEO RECORDING HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS; AND

(ii) THE TRANSCRIBED VIDEO RECORDING IS MAINTAINED IN PERPETUITY.

(G) AS PART OF ONGOING TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND AT LEAST EVERY 2 YEARS, THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL UNDERGO TRAINING SPECIFIC TO BOARD GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.