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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Maryland Senate
Annapolis, MD 21401

March 11th, 2026

SB534 - Frederick Community College - Board of Trustees - Meeting and Training Requirements

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and esteemed colleagues:

Senate Bill 534 is a Frederick County bill that unanimously passed delegation. It will establish an obligation for transparency and communication for the Board of Trustees at Frederick Community College. This bill will require the Board of Trustees to provide an opportunity for public comment at each of their meetings. It will also require the Board to publish and retain video or audio recordings of each meeting. Additionally, this bill requires board members to undergo training every two years on board governance, responsibilities and other roles.

There are sixteen community colleges in the state, thirteen currently follow these practices to better address their communities. Requiring public comment will ensure the Board has the information it needs to be responsive to its community. Publishing a readily accessible video or audio option also allows for members of the public to be informed and aware of the Board's decisions. More communication from the college leads to successful collaboration and support from the community. By requiring the Board to adopt these standards of transparency and accessibility, Frederick Community College will better meet the needs of its students and faculty. I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Lewis Young".

Senator Karen Lewis Young

SENATE BILL 534

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CF HB 839

By: **Frederick County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick Community College – Board of Trustees – Meeting and Training**
3 **Requirements**

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

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 16–407
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (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,

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 16–407.

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

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

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

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

2 REPRINT OF SENATE BILL 534 as amended by SB0534/453824/1 02/12/26 at 1:39 PM

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

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

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

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

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

12 (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
13 EVERY 2 YEARS, THE BOARD MEMBERS SHALL UNDERGO TRAINING SPECIFIC TO
14 BOARD GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
16 1, 2026.

DELEGATE JESSE T. PIPPY
DELEGATION CHAIR
SENATOR WILLIAM G. FOLDEN
DELEGATION VICE CHAIR



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02/13/2026

Chair Feldman and Vice-Chair Kagan,

SB534, Frederick Community College - Board of Trustees – Meeting and Training Requirements, was voted on by the Frederick County Delegation on February 13th, 2026, and received support from a majority of the Delegation as amended. A voting list has been sent to the committee along with this letter. The Frederick County Delegation asks for a favorable report from the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee.

Sincerely,

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Del. Jesse T. Pippy – Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Folden".

Sen. William Folden – Vice Chair

Frederick County Delegation – Voting List

Date: 2-13-26

Item: SB534 - Frederick Community College – Board of Trustees – Meeting and Training Requirements

Motion: Favorable, Delegation Support

Description: Amendments to insert a preamble on page one after line 12, and insert on page 2 after line 12 storage requirements

Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Chair Pippy	X			
Vice Chair Folden	X			
Delegate Bouchat	X			
Delegate Ciliberti	X			
Senator Corderman	X			
Delegate Fair	X			
Delegate Kerr	X			
Senator Lewis-Young	X			
Delegate Miller	X			
Senator Ready	X			
Delegate Rose				X
Delegate Simpson	X			
Delegate Tomlinson	X			
Delegate Valentine	X			
Delegate Wivell	X			
FINAL VOTE	14	0	0	1