



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Full UCAB Meeting MINUTES

September 08, 2025

HYBRID MEETING

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

Online Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86090967789>

Meeting ID: 860 9096 7789

By phone: 301 715 8592

- 7:05 p.m. **Call to Order/Roll Call** (Minutes from July 21st tabled due to format – scheduled to be approved at October meeting)
- 7:08 p.m. **Police Report;** *Commander Dillman (D#6, Gaithersburg/MontgVllg):* 8/3 karaoke lounge—serious assault—looking at liquor license violations; 8/31 shooting—Centerway Road—victim deceased—boyfriend suspect;
Commander Picerno (D#5, Germantown): Commander Pallis retired; noted NWHS bomb threat on social media—not valid thread—closed administratively; multiple shootings in Waters Landing Area—arrests individuals, including juveniles—cautiously optimistic that future violence will not be an issue and seeing a reduction in handgun incidents since arrests , *Commander Satinsky (D#1, Rockville)* question about house parties in Darnestown—deferred to Department of Permitting Services; might be an issue for a nuisance suit
- 7:25 p.m. **County Council Report**
Balcombe: notes Clarksburg Gateway Master Plan process. Discussion about Right Turn on Red signs; notes introduced special appropriation bill to allocate funds for transportation study promised when the Council removed M83 from the Master Plan of Highways.
Sayles: notes gun violence legislation; notes bill to reduce hurdles on operating farms and agribusiness in Agricultural reserve; Farm to Table event 11/10
Albornoz: no update, staff present
- 7:45 p.m. **Review of upcoming Operations Budget meeting at Black Rock with County Executive Marc Elrich on September 15th, 2025:**
Marc Elrich on September 15th, 2025: review operating budget items from communities
Review of future meetings for FY26 and identify Subcommittee members: review future
--noted concerns about road maintenance
--Damascus High School and Elementary School—major issues, buildings in need of repair/renovation—mold, fire alarms not working; question about how to ensure this is a priority for County; may require coordination with MCPS
--Funding for task force on homeless services in the Upcounty
--Funding for mental health support services
--Improve internet connectivity in community

- 8:32 p.m. **Community Concerns:** further discussion of problems at Damascus schools, including mold, fire alarms not working, doors chained, others not locked at all. Councilmember Leudtke did have a meeting on state of these schools.
- 8:40 p.m. **Review of future meetings for FY26 and identify Subcommittee members:** tabled
quorum was not sufficient from members dropping off early and due to lack of 20 members on the board presently.
--consider moving January and February meetings to 4th Monday to avoid holidays
--discussed calendar—when letters on budget due, planning for other letters we may write.
Ensure we are prepared for master plans, school boundary study, and other emerging issues.
- 8:56 p.m. **Regional Director's Report**
Review of successful events from summer, including National Night Out and Agricultural Fair.
Upcoming events noted as Hispanic Heritage Mont events; Octoberfest
Again, Upcounty's noted lack of representation on County Boards and upcoming vacancies.
- 9:00 **Adjourn:** Jason George Moved, Paul Klee Seconded

ROLL CALL: (A) Absent (EA) Excused Absence (P) Present



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
2024-2025 Board Members and Committees

| Name | Area | Committee |
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| Vacant | | |
| Andrew Saundry (P) | Germantown | Land Use |
| Vacant | | |
| Paul Klee (P) | Darnestown | Land Use |
| Christel Bivens (P) | Germantown | Land Use |
| Vacant | | |
| Wayne Jacas (termed) | Boyds | Land Use |
| Steve Robinson (resigned) | Damascus | Land Use |
| Kraig Walsleben (termed) | Damascus | Land Use |
| Lynn Arndt (P) | Boyds | Quality of Life |
| Michelle Ashafa (P) | Clarksburg | Quality of Life |
| Jason George (P) | Germantown | Land Use |

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| Melane Hoffmann (EA) | Clarksburg | Land Use |
| Mary Keane (P) | North Potomac | Quality of Life |
| Paul Lauria (P) | Gaithersburg | Land Use |
| Dana Pauley (P) | Boyds | Quality of Life |
| Marc Robles (A) | Montgomery Village | Quality of Life |
| Sarah Stevens (P) | Damascus | Quality of Life |
| Teresa Watkins (P) | Clarksburg | Land Use |
| Matthew Woorman (P) | Germantown | Quality of Life |

Effective July 2024

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