



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2026**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

**Members Present:** Brandon Cogdell, Felisa Garrett, Kevin McAliley (Chair), Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

**Call to Order 6:30 p.m.**

**Executive Director/Village Manager, Ms. Cooper-Kerr announced the resignation of Wilde Lake Village Board Chair, Katharine Rathbun and Edward Richards. Ms. Cooper-Kerr shared that the Board accepted the resignation received on February 12, 2026.**

**Ms. Cooper-Kerr announced that a new Chair is needed to be selected.**

**MOTION: To elect Kevin McAliley as Chair of the Wilde Lake Village Board**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**MOTION: Affirm Ms. Cooper-Kerr as Executive Director/Village Manager, Secretary and Treasurer as per the Wilde Lake Community Association's Article of Incorporation and Bylaws.**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

The board discussed that an Acting Treasurer had been hired within the past 30 days and that this position should be removed as the organization cannot have two treasurers. The board gave Ms. Cooper-Kerr approval to contact the newly hired treasurer.

**MOTION: Remove the treasurer appoint by the previous Board Chair and not approved by the full board**

Motion: Mr. Santos; Seconded Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**\*Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**RESIDENT SPEAKOUT**

Barbara Lawson – Legal fees and inquired about who the law firm represented WLCA or the personal interests of a few board members.

Kimberli Maultsby – Expressed that the Board should seek the services of an HOA attorney.

Susan Hellenbrand – Thanked the community for their engagement and resilience during the past 10 months.

Beverly Lucas – Resignation of Board members and the Election Committee

Carol Leal – Congratulated the community.

Chris Tsien – Thanked committee of concerned citizens. Possible investigation of a law firm

Susan Hellenbrand – Expressed hope for the future.

Kevin McAliley – Mentioned the Board will work to address the backlog of messages sent by community members that remained unanswered.

**MOTION: Formal acceptance of Board member resignations**

Motion: Mr. McAliley; Seconded: Ms. Garrett

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**Old Business – Appointment of an Election Chair**

The Board received Elizabeth Lopez’s application to serve as the 2026 Election Chair. Dr. Lopez is a long-term resident of the Village of Wilde Lake and served previously as Election Co-Chair in 2022 and as Chair in 2023.

**MOTION: Elect Elizabeth Lopez as the 2026 Wilde Lake Election Chair**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

The Board suggested a grace period of Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> as the date for the community to oppose the Election Chair appointment.

**Fiscal Year 2026, Quarter 2 Financials were presented by Ms. Cooper-Kerr.**

**MOTION: Accept the financials as presented.**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**As of January 18<sup>th</sup>, the former Chair suggested a freeze on all non-essential expenses.**

**MOTION: To rescind the freeze to allow the organization to conduct business as required.**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**REPORTS**

**Columbia Council Representative** – Mr. Santos provided an update on the splash pad issue. The Columbia Association Board voted 5:4 to move the site study for this amenity forward. The Capital and operating budget was approved. Mr. Santos discussed easements at: Falls River Terrace Eliots Oak for storm management purposes; South Entrance Way for a pathway; and Cradlerock Way at Youngheart Lane for traffic calming. The Columbia Association Board approved the meeting schedule for FY2027. The Board’s next meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Architectural Advisory Committee** – Ms. Garrett and Mr. McAliley’s names will be sent to the Columbia Association to replace the two board members who resigned. Mr. McAliley will serve out the remaining term of the Architectural Liaison to the Wilde Lake Community Association.

**Education Committee** – Mr. Cogdell discussed Club Wilde Lake and mentioned that January 19<sup>th</sup> was the proposed start date to launch the program but the inability to sign an agreement

and the suggested budget freeze prevented the program from moving forward this school year. The Anchors Up vendor expressed concern with the discourse and suggested waiting until summer to implement a new program for the youth of Wilde Lake. Mr. McAliley suggested he would reach out to the vendor to improve our relationship with hopes of continuing this collaboration in the future.

**Wilde Lake CARES** – Bess Caplan discussed scheduling a Columbia Clean Day activity for the spring. Ms. Caplan shared information about the Salt Watch program where community members are testing the amount of chloride in our lakes. Susan Tucker shared her experience with the testing program and mentioned they will continue to test and provide dating on their findings. Wilde Lake CARES will host a plant giveaway on April 25<sup>th</sup> coinciding with the Village Election.

**Village Manager** – Ms. Cooper-Kerr expressed her gratitude to the community of Wilde Lake for their support and advocacy during this tumultuous time. Looking forward to working with everyone as we work together for the benefit of the community.

**Chair** – Mr. McAliley expressed the need to continue the work to help our residents. He suggested that the residents provide ideas and their talents to the community.

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting**

Motion: Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley

Nay: None

Motion Passed (3-0-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.