



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2025**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

**Members Present:** Chair, Katharine Rathbun, Vice Chair, Francis Uy, Brandon Cogdell, Kevin McAliley, Edward Richards, Columbia Representative Bill Santos, and Executive Director and Village Manager, Sharon Cooper-Kerr.

**Call to Order 6:38 p.m.**

\*Approval of Agenda

The item noted as new business was revised to read "Open Governance Committee Meeting."  
All are welcome to attend the meeting.

MOTION: To add a discussion about the Governance Committee to the meeting agenda.

Motion: Kevin McAliley. Seconded

Aye: Mr. McAliley, Mr. Cogdell

Nay: Mr. Edwards, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Uy

Motion Failed (2-3-0)

MOTION: to approve the Agenda as revised

Motion: Dr. Rathbun. Seconded

Aye: Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy, Mr. Cogdell

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Motion Carried (4-1-0)

\*Approval of Minutes (8-4-2025) (9-8-2025)

MOTION: To table the minutes of the August 4th and September 8, 2025, meetings to the next Board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Richards. Seconded

Aye: Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley

Motion Carried: (3-2-0)

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT (3 minutes per person, unlimited time):

MOTION: To extend the 15-minute limit on residents speak out

Motion: Mr. McAliley. Seconded.

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: none

Abstain: none

Motion Carried (5-0-0)

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT:

Deidre Sykes – read a letter from a neighbor regarding community engagement.

Michelle Hinjosa-Melencio – Board goals and how the board would engage in the Bryant Woods Elementary School proposed redistricting discussion.

Paula Rivers – possible revision of election guidelines and transparency

Susan Tucker – proposed donation policy and elections

Laura Burris – board dynamics and possible change in election policy

Rhanda Dormeus – school redistricting

Debbie Cappuccitti – spoke on behalf of resident Christin Gourdin about board conduct and focusing on the community.

Chris Tsien – board misconduct

Larry Schoen – legal fees/spending community money prudently

Liz Schoen – board behavior and Bryant Woods Elementary School proposed redistricting.

Bill Santos – shared past involvement of the WLVB in redistricting conversations

Susan Hellenbrand – Donations policy

Cassandra Belton – second resident speakout

Barbara Lawson – board dynamics and broken community trust

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of various systems for the allocation of donations and support.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Guidelines and Regulations – An open Governance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Slayton House. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the new HOA election law and to review proposed new election guidelines and procedures. This will be a town-hall style meeting.

## REPORTS

**Village Manager**– Provided updates on what has happened at Slayton House since the Board last met in September, including technology and energy efficient upgrades, Bernice Kish Art Gallery Exhibit, and thanked everyone for attending the Wilde Lake Fall Festival on Saturday, October 11th, Attended the annual meeting of Visit Howard County and trunk or treat events at Bryant Woods and Running Brook Elementary Schools. Coming soon: Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

**Chair** – no report.

**Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Council** – mentioned the CA board is reviewing their ethic policy. Campaigning for Board members is now allowed. The Board is in the middle of the budget season. Key focus areas are resource resilience awareness, long term capital expenditures, pools, prioritizing maintenance assets and affordability of CA membership.

**Education Committee** – the education committee will meet on tomorrow to discuss Club Wilde Lake. The Committee is working with the schools to identify community resources and needs of our neighbors.

**AC Liaison** – no report

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.