



**Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2026**

Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

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

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

**\*Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: To remove the review of the minutes from August 4, 2025, September 8, 2025, November 3, 2025 and December 1, 2025 and to move the Education Committee report to first on the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Richards; Seconded: Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garette, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun and Mr. Richards

Nay: None

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

Education Committee Report – Mr. Cogdell presented the Education Committee report.

**RESIDENT SPEAKOUT**

Chris Tsien – Board Actions and appointment of a new Board member

Mary Beth Ryan - WLCA website staff list

Bess Caplan – WL CARES receives the Chewy Award

Tina Horn – Alliances with Luminus

Zana Watson – Legal fees

**\*Approval of Architectural Committee Report – 4938 Reedy Brook Lane**

Motion: To approve the Architectural Committee report.

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded Mr. Uy

Aye: Mr. Cogdell, Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards

Nay: None

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

**\*Approval of Bryant Woods Elementary School Donation Request**

Motion: Approval of a \$1,000 donation for Bryant Woods Elementary School’s family engagement initiative.

Motion: Mr. McAliley; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: Dr. Rathbun and Mr. Richards

Motion Passed (4-2-0)

**\*Election Chair Appointment**

MOTION: To approve the nomination of Joe Garifo as Wilde Lake Election Chair for 2026

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded by Mr. Uy

Aye: Ms. Garrett, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards and Mr. Uy

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Absent: Mr. Cogdell

Motion Passed (4-1-0)

**\*2026 Election – setting the date for the Election**

Motion: Election will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026

Motion: Mr. Richards; seconded by Ms. Garrett

Aye: Ms. Garrett, Mr. McAliley, Dr. Rathbun, Mr. Richards, Mr. Uy

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Cogdell

Motion Passed (5-0-0)

**\*2026 Election Guidelines and Regulations**

Motion: To suspend the Election Guidelines for review by the Election Chair

Motion: Mr. Edwards; seconded Mr. Uy

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

Nay: Mr. McAliley

Abstain: Ms. Garrett

Motion Passed (3-1-1)

**REPORTS**

**Village Manager** – Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked the community for attending and supporting the Breakfast with Santa event and new art galley exhibit featuring the works of Ann Calamucci – opening reception to be held on January 11th.

**Chair** – Dr. Rathbun discussed board member appointment stating that it has been a practice of the board to appoint members in closed session.

**Columbia Council Representative** – Mr. Santos shared that the membership rates for FY2027 have been approved. The Columbia Association Board will convene during a Town Hall meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Slayton House. The CA team is considering a study to determine the feasibility of swapping one of the outdoor pools for a splash pad.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.