



Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting (Hybrid) Minutes
April 27, 2026
Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD

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

ABSENT: Francis Uy

Call to Order 6:32 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin McAliley after confirmation of quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the April 27, 2026, agenda

Motion by Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schoen made an amendment to the minutes to correct the reason for the closed meeting by removing matters related to personnel and reading the following statement to state the reason for the closed session. "This closed session of the WLVB was held on April 13, 2026, at Slayton House under the authority granted in item (6) of the Board Rules and (vii) of the HOA, namely, "Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business transaction in the negotiation stage if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic interests of the Village Association."

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss:

- invoices from parties engaged by the previous Board: Ms. Sonubi (treasurer) and G. Macy Nelson law firm.
- a letter from the Jackson Law Firm engaged under the Chubb Directors and Officers' insurance policy.

Motion: Approve March 16, 2026 minutes

Motion by Mr. Schoen; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Resident Speakout

Elizabeth Lopez, Election Chair – spoke about the election. A quorum was established. The election resulted in a tie. A recount was conducted today. The tie continues and a runoff will be necessary. Will work with Ms. Cooper-Kerr on next steps. Resident Susan Hellenbrand asked if a runoff would be needed if one of the tied candidates conceded.

Larry Schoen – mentioned he would be willing to concede his candidacy to help the organization avoid extra costs associated with running another election and to have continuity. Mr. Schoen indicated this is conditional based on the remaining candidates staying on board.

Kevin McAliley – thanked Mr. Schoen and Dr. Lopez for their leadership and asked that the two who are elected be acknowledged. And congratulated the new board members.

Andrea Thorin – acknowledged Elizabeth's leadership and her team that worked overtime to run the election.

Debbie Cappuccitti – thanked Dr. Lopez and her Election Committee team for their work

Susan Hellenbrand – thanked Mr. Schoen for his willingness to step out of the race.

Presentation of FY2027 Wilde Lake Community Association Budget

Ms. Cooper-Kerr presented the draft budget for FY2027 for Board approval.

Motion: To Adopt the budget for FY2027

Motion by Mr. Cogdell; Seconded by Ms. Garrett

Reports

Wilde Lake Representative to the Columbia Association Board of Directors (Columbia Council)

Mr. Santos announced that three Board members were recently removed from the Columbia Association Board – representatives from the Villages of Long Reach, Oakland Mills and River Hill Villages. The Board elected to remove these members based on perceived violations to Columbia Association's Code of Conduct policy as determined by an outside review panel. The impacted Villages will need to appoint new representation to the Columbia Council. Mr. Santos mentioned a report of the CA website which details this issue. Julie Miller the new Communications Manager presented a suite of new products during the Ca Board Meeting.

Wilde Lake Ad Hoc Committee – Andrea Thorin, Committee Lead

- The contractor hired as Acting Treasurer has been informed that the Board has no remaining work for their services. The contractor was paid for the work performed.
- New documents were received from G. Macy Nelson law firm today. The documents will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness.
- Mr. McAliley has been in touch with Chubb Insurance

- The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will be held on April 29th at 10:00 am at Slayton House.

Wilde Lake CARES – Susan Tucker reported that the group has hosted three adopt a spot events this spring. The next event will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at the Faulkner Ridge Adopt a Spot location. A plant giveaway and exchange were held on Election Day. The remaining plants will be added to the Adopt a Spot. Mr. Santos suggested a possible location to consider for the next Adopt a Spot location on Columbia Road. Mr. McAliley thanked the group for being first to create this concept in a Columbia village.

Education Committee – Mr. Cogdell mentioned continued communications between WLCA, the leadership at Running Brook Elementary School and the Junior League of Howard County. The organization has partnered with the school on a variety of initiatives including helping to stock the school's food pantry. The Junior League held a food donation drive at an area Giant store this past weekend to benefit the school's pantry.

AC Liaison – Ms. Cooper-Kerr provided a few updates from the report as submitted by Wilde Lake's Covenant Advisor Lexi Milani. Ms. Cooper-Kerr thanked the RAC and Ms. Milani for their leadership and work during a year of great change including three AC Liaisons.

Executive Director – Ms. Cooper-Kerr mentioned end of year close out activities including a 401K audit which is underway. The audit is required by the Columbia Association. The next Art Gallery installation will occur on Wednesday featuring the art of Fariba Ghisor "Tranquility Peace and Freedom." Ms. Ghisor's opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Bernice Kish Art Gallery at Slayton House.

Chair – Mr. McAliley thanked everyone for allowing him to return as Chair for the past two months. He shared that he recently spoke with the leadership at Wilde Lake Schools to continue relationship building. Recently attended the Downtown Partnership's reception and Columbia Council Candidates Forum for District 4. Mr. McAliley mentioned he will continue his advocacy as an Ambassador for Visit Howard County and Bike HoCo.

Adjournment of Public Meeting at 7:35 pm

Motion: Motion: Adjourn public session and move to closed session (This meeting was conducted under the authority of Board Rules item (6) and HOA item (vii), specifically for the "Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business transaction in the negotiation stage if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic interests of the Village Association.")

Motion by Ms. Garrett; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Wilde Lake Village Board Closed Session

Monday, April 27, 2026

Closed Session opened at 7:45 pm

Motion: Adjourn the Closed Session.

Motion by Ms. Garrett; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Closed Session adjourned: 8:27 pm

Public Session opened at 8:28 pm

Motion: Adjourn the Public Session.

Motion by Mr. Cogdell; seconded by Ms. Garrett

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Adjournment at 8:28 pm

The purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss:

- Invoices from parties engaged by the previous Board and the G. Macy Nelson law firm.
- A letter from the Jackson Lewis Law Firm, engaged under the Chubb Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance policy.
- Chubb insurance deductible invoice - still not received.

The following decisions were made:

- Review G. Macy Nelson documents just received 4-27-26.
- Kevin McAliley will contact the Jackson Lewis Law Firm in response to their letter.