

WILDE LAKE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wilde Lake Village Board Meeting (Hybrid) Minutes
April 13, 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 6:35 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kevin McAliley after confirmation of quorum. Board and staff participation occurred both in person and via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the April 13, 2026, agenda, with the following amendments:

- Move Howard County Police (Officer Eric England) earlier in the agenda.
- Remove FY2026 Q3 Financial Statement Revision (resolved)

Motion by Mr. Cogdell; Seconded: Ms. Garrett

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of March 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve March 16, 2026 minutes

Motion by Ms. Garrett; Seconded: Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

b. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes (2025–2026)

Dates approved:

- August 4, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- December 1, 2025
- January 5, 2026

Motion: Approve prior minutes as presented

Motion by Mr. Cogdell; Seconded: Ms. Garrett

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

Nay: None
Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Resident Speak Out

- No formal sign-ups; attendees were invited to introduce themselves.
- Chris Tsien – expressed thanks for the Candidates' Forum.
- Vanessa Atterbury, candidate for Howard County Executive, introduced herself.
- Liz Schoen – attended the Candidates' Forum and offered compliments to the moderator and Election Chair, Elizabeth Lopez.
- Jacqueline Bates, Wilde Lake MS PTSA representative, addressed scheduling inclusion.

Reports

Howard County Police – Officer Eric England

Officer England provided a comprehensive community safety report, including:

- Community outreach and pathway patrols
- Crime trends (mostly trespassing and disorderly conduct)
- Traffic enforcement statistics
- Youth engagement and diversion programs
- Community events planning (e.g., Bike with a Cop)

Questions were addressed regarding traffic calming, banning procedures, and ride-along opportunities.

Columbia Association / Community Engagement – Robin Stimson

Updates included:

- Ribbon cutting for new Town Center stage (May 7)
- Discussed summer and shoulder-season programming at the Columbia Lakefront
- Pride celebration (July)
- Back-to-school events (August)
- Announcement of Columbia's 60th Anniversary in 2027

Wilde Lake Ad Hoc Committee – Andrea Thorin, Committee Lead

Committee actions:

- Met three times since March 16
- Reviewed responses from legal entities
- Determined information requests were incomplete or obstructed
- Recommended consideration of legal action
- Findings to be included in final report

Old Business

FY2027 Draft Budget

Presented by Executive Director/Village Manager Sharon Cooper-Kerr (Treasurer role acknowledged).

Key points:

- Total proposed budget: \$712,859
- Balanced (net zero)
- Includes audit fees, utilities increase, staffing, and special events
- No vote taken; vote scheduled for April 27, 2026

New Business

Hiring of Association Attorney

Motion: Direct the Executive Director/Village Manager to assemble and present a list of potential legal firms to represent the Association.

Motion by Mr. Schoen; Seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Community Donations Approved

Organization	Amount Approved
Wilde Lake MS Performance Boosters Motion by: Mr. Cogdell; Seconded Ms. Garrett.	\$1,000
Wilde Lake MS PTSA Motion by: Ms. Garrett; seconded Mr. Cogdell	\$1,000
Running Brook Elementary School Motion by: Mr. Cogdell; Seconded Ms. Garrett	\$1,000
Columbia Housing Center / ColumbiaLiving.org Motion by: Mr. Cogdell; seconded Ms. Garrett	\$1,000

All motions were made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

CARES Committee Update

- Adopt-A-Spot cleanup completed
- Additional cleanups scheduled
- Plant exchange planned for Election Day

Announcements

- Announcement honoring the passing of Bernice Kish, longtime former Village Manager.
- Moment of silence observed.

Adjournment of Public Meeting

Motion: Adjourn public session and move to closed session (personnel matters)

Motion by Mr. Schoen; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Public Session Adjourned: 7:57 pm

Wilde Lake Village Board Closed Session – April 13, 2026

Closed Session opened at 7:57 pm 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 homeowners association;

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. Sunobi (treasurer) and G. Macy Nelson law firm.

a letter from the Jackson Law Firm engaged under the Chubb Directors and Officers Insurance policy.

Motion: To end the closed session.

Motion by Ms. Garrett; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion Passed (4-0-0)

The Closed Session ended at 9:15pm

Return to the public meeting which adjourned at 9:15 pm

Motion: To close the public meeting

Motion by Ms. Garrett; seconded by Mr. Cogdell

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

Nay: None

Motion passed (4-0-0)

Adjournment at 9:15 pm