

City of Annapolis

160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401



Standing Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 2, 2026

6:30 PM

Regular Meeting - VIRTUAL

Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers

Rules and City Government Committee

Call To Order

Alderman Smith-Brown called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:41pm.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Alderman Smith-Brown, Alderman Schandelmeier and Alderman Thorp

Approval of Agenda (any changes to the agenda should be made here)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve the Regular Meeting agenda.
Seconded. **CARRIED** on voice vote.

Business and Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

[RCG 3.5.26](#) Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [RCG 3.5.26](#)

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to approve RCG 3.5.26. Seconded. **CARRIED**
on voice vote.

General Discussion

[ID-66-26](#) Daycare Providers in the City of Annapolis

Social Work Care Coordinator Lee was present to answer questions from the committee.

Guest Speaker:
Diego Medina
301 Rowe Boulevard
Annapolis, MD, 21401

Janique Smith
1778-B Belle Drive
Annapolis, MD, 21401

[ID-65-26](#) Children and Families Success Grant

Acting City Manager Buckland, Community Engagement Administrator/Director Young and Social Work Care Coordinator Lee were present to answer questions from the committee.

Legislation

[O-1-26](#)

Property Tax - Child Care Centers, Family Child Care Homes, and Large Family Child Care Homes

For the purpose of creating real property tax credits for child care providers who own the property where they operate a state-licensed or registered child care center, family child care home, or large family child care home; allowing businesses of a certain size that own their property and have on-site child care facilities to participate in the tax credit program; setting the real property tax credit at a maximum of \$10,000; and generally related to tax credits for child care providers.

Sponsors: Schandelmeier, O'Neill and Smith-Brown

Attachments: [O-1-26 First Reader](#)
[O-1-26 Staff and Staffing Impact Report](#)
[O-1-26 Fiscal Impact Report UPDATED , incl. Amemdment 1](#)
[O-1-26 Legislative Summary \(updated April 10, 2026\)](#)
[O-1-26 Amendment 1 - Schandelmeier](#)
[O-1-26 Amendment 2 - Thorp](#)
[O-1-26 Amendment 3 - Smith Brown](#)
[O-1-26 Signed Copy \(color\)](#)
[O-1-26 Signed Copy \(b&w\)](#)

Acting City Manager Buckland, Assistant City Attorney Leonard and Legislative & Policy Analyst Reuter were present to answer questions from the committee.

Amendment #2 (RCG) - On page 4, in line 12, insert a new subsection E as follows:

“E. Reporting Requirement.

The City Manager will report annually to the City Council the number of child care

facilities requesting and receiving this tax credit, the amount approved, an assessment of

the effectiveness of the program, and recommendations for improvements to the program,

if any, by February 28th of the year following the calendar year of the program.”

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to recommend Amendment #2 favorably.

Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #3 (RCG) - 1) On page 1, in lines 5 and 24, after “large family child care home;” insert “extending tax credits to property owners who lease their property to a state-licensed or registered child care operator;”.

2) On page 2, in lines 11 through 14, strike “property owners who operate a state-licensed child care center, a state-registered family child care home, or a state-registered large family child care home in accordance with Education Article, Title 9.5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland” and after “this section” insert “real property used for a state-licensed child care center, a state-registered family child care home, or a state-registered large family child care home in accordance with Education Article, Title 9.5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland,

whether the child care facility is operated by the property owner or by a tenant pursuant to a lease with the property owner,”

3) On page 2, strike lines 24 and 27 and insert the following:

“i. Provide a real property tax credit to property owners who operate a child care facility on their property, or lease their property to a state-licensed or registered child care provider who operates a child care facility on the property; and
ii. Apply the tax credit to the portion of the real property used exclusively for the child care facility, including any improvements made to the property for that purpose, whether such improvements were made by the property owner or by a tenant pursuant to a lease.”

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to recommend Amendment #3 favorably.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Amendment #1 - Alderman Schandelmeier moved to recommend Amendment # favorably. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Alderman Schandelmeier moved to Recommend O-1-26 Favorably as amended.
Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Kalyn Jackson
City Council Associate

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