

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.



Welcome and Introduction

Board member and CAC committee chairperson Brian Hampton welcomed CAC members (seated at the tables) and guests. He reviewed the agenda.

There were 32 total attendees: 28 CAC members, 2 presenters, and 2 guests.

Implementation of New Math Policy

Mr. Hampton introduced Dr. Shawn Johnson, Executive Director of Elementary School Education; Dr. David Foye, Executive Director of Secondary Education; and presenters Dr. Jessica Kubek, Instructional Coordinator for Elementary Mathematics, and Dr. Keisha Brinkley, Instructional Coordinator for Secondary Mathematics.

Dr. Kubek and Dr. Brinkley presented an overview of the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE's) Math Policy and the highlights of Cecil County Public Schools' (CCPS's) comprehensive plan of implementing it, focusing on curriculum, teacher development, and student support. The goal is to establish a shared understanding of the upcoming changes with our school community and engage with CAC members regarding this plan.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- A review of the CCPS Strategic Plan
- The Mathematics vision, mission, and commitment statements
- The key components and ideas of the dynamic CCPS Comprehensive Math Plan
- Sample math exercises (highlighting the emphasis on deep mathematical thinking)
- An overview of the MSDE PreK-12 Mathematics Policy and Policy standards
- A timeline of the Math Policy Adoption Process
- An overview of the High School Pathways

It was noted that the Math policy and all key components of the Comprehensive Math Plan are posted on the CCPS website, including a FAQ sheet.

Discussion

CAC committee members engaged in a comprehensive discussion with Dr. Kubek and Dr. Brinkley. Questions and comments included the following topics:

- Professional development, instructional strategies, coaching, and classroom support for teachers
- Expanding students' math sense; Illustrative Math (IM) curriculum vs. Envision
- Math assessments
- Courses offered to reflect different pathways
- Departmentalizing math in elementary
- Supports for parents

Adjournment

Mr. Hampton adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026. More information will be sent to CAC members via email.

