

**Cherry Hill Community Coalition General Meeting**  
Thursday, November 6, 2025,  
Hybrid Meeting: Choice Program Building and via Zoom  
5:30 p.m.

**CHCC Board Roll Call:**

**Executive Assistant to Board:**

**Sustainability/Emeritus Committee:**

**Attendees: In-Person: Zoom: Facebook:**

## **Agenda**

Welcome All Attendees

Approval of Minutes for October 2, 2025

Prayer

**Councilwoman Porter's Corner:** Desire' Jones, Policy Fellow

### **Informational**

- Our Schools.....Carrie Finklestein, Program Director, Cherry Hill Education Initiative
- ENOUGH Grant & Cherry Hill Transformation Plan Updates.....Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Executive Director, Cherry Hill Strong
- Spotlight on An Enough Grant Initiative: Coats, Hats, Gloves and Mittens for our Students.....Tracey Garrett Rogers, CHCC Executive Assistant

### **Updates and Presentations**

- Public Safety in Cherry Hill.....CHCC Public Safety Sub-Committee
- Caroline Center.....Lisa Benson, Grants and Administrative Services
- NuWave Health Center.....

### **Community Concerns**

- **What's happening with the Southside/New Era and Carter G. Woodson buildings?**

### **Announcements and "Thank You for Your Service" Acknowledgements**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Next Scheduled CHCC General Meeting: December 6, 2025 @ 5:30 pm**



**Cherry Hill Community Coalition, Inc.  
General Body Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 6, 2025  
Cherry Hill Community Center & Zoom**

**The Cherry Hill Community Coalition, Inc. General Body Meeting was called to order and prayer by Reverend Partlow. The agenda was shared.**

**Board Members Present:** Dr. LaReneque Bartholomew, Malika Brown, Claude Johnson, Peggy Jackson-Jobe, Cathy McClain, Morgan Rouse, Dr. Joan Wharton & Tony Woolfolk.

**Board Members Absent:** Javon Harris, LaToya Martin, Martina Owens & Quadir Russell

**Executive Assistant Present:** Tracey Garrett Rogers

**Emeritus Board Members Present:** Stephanie Amponsah, Margaret Roberts & Cleoda Walker

**Attendance:** In Person-16, Zoom- 25

**Welcome New members:** Peggy Jackson-Jobe

**Prayer:** Reverend Partlow

**The following agenda items were implemented:**

- ❖ **Updates from Councilwoman Porter's Office..... Desiree Jones, Policy and Community Engagement Fellow**
  - There were no updates for this meeting.

**Informational and Discussion Items:**

- ❖ **Cherry Hill Education Initiative.....Carrie Finkelstein, BCPS Program Director/Liaison**
  - Shared school activities and events for scholars and teachers
  - The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle Schools is now back to a 2-star school!!!!!!
  - Highlighted 88% attendance rate at Arundel, chronic absenteeism rate is 44%, some illness reported which impacted attendance
  - Highlighted 89% attendance rate at Historic CHEMS, chronic absenteeism rate is 44%
  - Attendance has dropped slightly; previous month was 91%
  - See presentation slides for additional information
- ❖ **Cherry Hill Strong (CHS).....Zeevelle Nottingham-Lemon, Executive Director**
  - Shared barrier mitigation funds that have supported residents with utilities and rent/evictions
  - On average \$20,000-\$25,000 per month spent to support families

- Submitted a proposal for the New Era/Dr. Carter G. Woodson parcel, adjacent to the town center; there will be community sessions for input; proposal includes a high school, housing and retail; awaiting a response from Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)
- Shared an overview of the acquisition strategy of the Housing Plan and would like to have more time at the January meeting to discuss
- Shared an overview of the Mosaic Plan and will have more time at the January meeting to discuss
- Received a preliminary award letter for the ENOUGH Grant to be allotted and will give updates as soon as they become available
- Please see presentation slides for additional information

## Updates and Presentations

- ❖ **ENOUGH Spotlight: Cherry Hill Community Coalition- Hats, Coats& Gloves Drive, Tracey Garrett Rogers, Executive Assistant**
  - Hats, coats, gloves/mittens will be given to all children at Arundel Elementary, Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle and the Judy Center
  - Donations of new items will be collected until December 15, 2025 and will be delivered to schools on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Previous donors : Cherry Hill Community Coalition, Cherry Hill Strong, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Cherry Hill Ministerial Alliance, Family Behavioral Health Services, and Cherry Hill Development Corporation
  - Flyer will be attached with further details
- ❖ **Public Safety Committee.....Cathy McClain, Chair**
  - Reporting of attempted abductions of young girls; Safe Streets and Southern District Police have been informed; guidance provided with telling residents to call 911 to report incidents
  - Supporting young men that need jobs by giving information and access to attend job fairs, resume workshops, etc. to provide options to clear the town center and be more productive
  - Arundel is creating a Walking School Bus to assist with walking students to school to ensure safety and decrease lateness/absences
- ❖ **Caroline Center.....Lisa Benson, Grants & Administrative Services Coordinator**
  - Free tuition for courses and certifications in the areas of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Pharmacy Tech, and Construction
  - Candidates must be 18+ years of age with a high school diploma or GED
  - Public and private funding to sustain financial resources
  - Former alum of the Caroline Center attended and shared her experiences
  - Please see the slide presentation for additional information
- ❖ **Nuwave Health Services.....Angel Brown, Owner**
  - Shared services that are provided (primary care, urgent care, women's health, pediatrics, mental health with plans to expand to include dentistry, eye clinic and podiatry)
  - Partners with Amber Health Care who provide services to infants through adults

- Hired nine (9) people from Cherry Hill and have additional positions, all hires may not work in Cherry Hill but may work at the West Baltimore sites
- Additional services and resource for families with children who have autism

❖ **Community Concerns:**

- Status of New Era/Dr. Carter G. Woodson Buildings; concerns about the current safety of the building; reports of people entering/living in the building and the playground needs to be cleared of debris; BCPS will clean up the area via Clean Corps and the community will maintain its cleanliness
- Discussion about addressing homelessness in the community if there are individuals living inside the New Era building; it has been requested that BCPS secures the building again by boarding it up and monitoring to determine if it needs to be boarded again
- Proposals have been presented to the community and BCPS will inform everyone about whose proposal has been selected and community meetings will be held for residents to provide input

**Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School #159: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Dinner, 801 Bridgeview Rd., 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, please RSVP by Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 240-229-8007
- Haydee Batista is the new liaison officer for district 10. She will be taking over for Larry Nunley and her email address is [haydee.batista@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:haydee.batista@baltimorecity.gov) and phone number is 443-721-0028.; update regarding the Seamon Avenue project. DPW has been cleared to start work on Monday, November 10. The engineers will appear at the next CHCC meeting to start giving updates if anybody has any questions you can then email me or call me and I will present them to the engineers department

➤ **Next Scheduled CHCC General Hybrid Meeting: December 4, 2025 @ 5:30 pm, via Zoom and in-person location will be announced**

**Note:** You may contact Javon Harris at [cherryhillcommunitycoalition@gmail.com](mailto:cherryhillcommunitycoalition@gmail.com) to request the zoom meeting link and contact Tracey Garrett Rogers to be added to the email list, to receive the CHCC general meeting minutes and for community concerns.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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