

General Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, May 16th, 2025

Time: 1:00pm EST

Location: Virtual



Attendees: **Brian Castleberry**, Senior Regional Manager, Office of International Investment and Trade, Maryland Department of Commerce
Michael Lore, Deputy Secretary of State
Delegate Ken Kerr, Maryland House of Delegates
Delegate April Rose, Maryland House of Delegates
Rebecca Bellinger, Executive Director, Center for Global Business, Smith School at the University of Maryland
Chris French, SVP Global Government Affairs, Emergent Bio Solutions
Erin McNeally, Senior Business Consultant
Laura Merritt, President at Diageo

1. Call to Order
 - Introductions
 - Opening Remarks by **Brian Castleberry**, Senior Regional Manager, Office of International Investment and Trade, Maryland Department of Commerce
 - Open Meetings Act Internal Protocols
 - Confirmation of quorum
2. Mission & Goals Per Maryland House Bill 1206
 - The Commission shall study and make recommendations regarding:
 - i. Advancing bilateral trade and investment between Maryland and Ireland;
 - ii. Initiating joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Maryland and Ireland;
 - iii. Promoting business and academic exchanges between Maryland and Ireland;
 - iv. Encouraging mutual economic support between Maryland and Ireland;
 - v. Encouraging mutual investment in the infrastructure of Maryland and Ireland;
 - vi. Other issues as determined by the Commission
 - On or before December 1st, 2025, the Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
4. Next Steps
5. Closing Remarks