

Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, January 7th, 2026
Time: 1:00pm EST
Location: McGarvey's Saloon & Oyster Bar



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

1. Opening Remarks (Delegate Kerr)
2. Legislation Update on Membership and Sunset (Delegate Kerr)
3. December 2025 Report Update (Brian Castleberry)
4. Next Steps on Key Recommendations from Report (Erin McNeally)
5. American Irish State Legislators Caucus Follow Up Info (Erin McNeally)
6. Commission Objectives for 2026 (Delegate Kerr)
7. Meeting Schedule for 2026 (Erin McNeally)
8. Commissioner Comments (All)
9. Adjournment