



Commerce
Subcabinet
Guidance Collaboration Action

Thursday, December 16, 2021
Department of Commerce
401 E. Pratt Street, 17th Floor Conference Room, Baltimore
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Attendees:

Cabinet Members:

Kelly Schulz, Secretary, Department of Commerce, Chair
Deputy Secretary Owen McEvoy for Ken Holt, Secretary, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) – **google meet**
Chantal Kai-Lewis, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for Jimmy Rhee, Special Secretary, Governor’s Office of Small Minority and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA)
Tiffany Robinson, Secretary, Department of Labor – **google meet**
Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Department of Environment (MDE) – **google meet**
Deputy Secretary Earl Lewis for Greg Slater, Secretary, Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Robert McCord, Secretary, Department of Planning (MDP)
Jim Fielder, Secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) – **google meet**
Michael Higgs, Director of Assessments & Taxation (SDAT)
Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – **not available**
Joe Bartenfelder, Secretary, Department of Agriculture (MDA) – **google meet**
Wendi Peters, Special Secretary, Smart Growth

Guests:

Alex Choi, Office of the Governor – **google meet**
Ron Gunzburger, Office of the Governor – **google meet**
Ligia Aceves, DBM – **google meet**
Deputy Secretary Horacio Tablada MDE – **google meet**
Deputy Secretary Sandy Schrader, MDP – **google meet**
Deputy Secretary Julie Oberg, AG – **google meet**
Kenrick Gordon, Governor’s Office of Statewide Broadband
Johnathan Glaser, SDAT
Mike Pantelides, Labor – **google meet**
Janice Walker-Emeogo, Labor - **google meet**
Lloyd Day, Labor
Anthony M. Butler, Sr., Labor – **google meet**
Joe Griffiths, MDP
Jade Clayton, MDOT – **google meet**
David Dahlstrom, MDP– **google meet**
Jade Clayton, MDOT – **google meet**
Jan Walker-Emeogo, Labor – **google meet**

Commerce Staff:

Julie Woepke
Kyle McColgan
Jayson Knott

Brigitte Peters – **google meet**
Andrew Sargent – **google meet**
Wade Hearle – **google meet**
Michael Siers
Tom Riford
Jim Palma

I. Call to Order

Secretary Kelly Schulz called the meeting to order at 2:03pm and attendance was taken.

II. Review and approval of October 6, 2021 Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting approved.

I. Agency Administration Accomplishments

Ron Gunzburger, Senior Advisor to the Governor addressed the Subcabinet and requested the Agencies provide their highest Department achievements/legacy projects occurring during the current Administration and any projects in the pipeline. He requested submissions by January 15th. Mr. Gunzburger provided examples and answered questions from the Subcabinet.

II. Chair Update

Secretary Kelly Schulz addressed the Subcabinet and introduced Economist Michael Siers to review three (3) materials the Maryland Economic Development Commission has developed with the Research Team to guide recommendations and strategies related to the State's economy. He described a Rankings Report, Dashboard of high frequency data and a new Maryland Neighborhood Needs Index (MNNI). The Commission reviewed these documents at their November meeting and suggested that staff present to the Subcabinet for input or any suggestions to assist with Agency programs. The Subcabinet was requested to review and provide any input in the next few weeks.

The presentation was continued by Senior Director Jayson Knott who provided an overview of business attractions and expansion opportunities. He presented recent wins; existing pipeline; and number of opportunities, capital expenditures, opportunities and prospective jobs by region. Presentations on file.

III. 2022 Legislative Priorities

Subcabinet Secretaries provided their Agency highest overall priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

IV. I-495 & I-270 Traffic Relief Plan and Purple Line Updates

Deputy Secretary Earl Lewis, Jr. addressed the Subcabinet and provided updates on two (2) major projects – the I-495 & I-270 Traffic Relief Plan and the Purple Line that have significant impact on the State's economy. Deputy Secretary Lewis reviewed the routes, status of contractors, economic impact, phases, and the Opportunity MDOT program of the Traffic Plan. He addressed predevelopment work, toll rate setting process and benefits to the State. Deputy Secretary Lewis answered questions from the Subcabinet. Presentation on file.

V. Subcabinet Workgroups

The Leaders of the six (6) Workgroups gave presentations: Small Business, SM3, Regional Resources, Customer Service, Job Creators, and Workforce Development. Reports are on file.

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No additional information was exchanged.

VII. 2022 Meetings: It was the consensus of the Subcabinet to meet in person in 2022.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.