

# MD TWO FIFTY

## **MD Two Fifty Virtual Commission Meeting** **Thursday, June 26, 2025, 3:00pm**

### **Attendance**

**Commissioners:** Elaine Bachmann, Senator Jack Bailey, Senator Benjamin Brooks, Dr. Tony Campbell, Alexandra Cenatus, Keith Colston, Raquel Coombs, Judith Emmel, Secretary Rebecca Flora, Dr. Joni Floyd, Terri Freeman, Chair Gov. Parris Glendening, Elizabeth Hughes, Chanel Johnson, Steve Kearney, Pete Leshar, Michael Lore, Cynthia Miller, Vice Chair Katie O'Malley, Nick Redding, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Robin Sproul, Larry Walker

**Staff:** Erin Bode, Michele W. Johnson

**Minutes:** Gov. Glendening opened the meeting, then Commissioner Pete Leshar read the Land Acknowledgement.

Commissioner Chanel Johnson gave an update from the new African American Heritage Working Group on a successful first virtual meeting with African American Museums and Cultural Centers with 23 attending representing 20 organizations, and shared that staff has created a list of 39 such sites throughout Maryland.

Dir. Michele W. Johnson gave an update from the Civics Working Group sharing that one new grant application for a Citizens Academy grant has been received and the Working Group is recommending it to the Commission for a vote. Commissioner Terri Freeman moved to approve, Commissioner Keith Colston seconded, with unanimous support.

Commissioner Elaine Bachmann gave an update from the history working group sharing that Inclusive History grant recommendations will next be presented to the Commission in August. She also shared updates on America's Tapestry; a digital story map of Revolutionary War sites in Maryland; and an exhibit at the Enoch Pratt Free Library featuring the Maryland Mosaic.

Secretary Paul Monteiro gave an update from the Service Working Group sharing one new MD Two Fellows grant recommended to the Commission. Motion to approve by Commissioner Robin Sproul; seconded by Commissioner Keith Colston; with all in favor.

Commissioners Robin Sproul and Steve Kearney gave an update from the Communications, fundraising, and events committee, with progress on the new MD Two Fifty promotional video and advertising campaign with the MD State Ad Agency.

Dir. Michele W. Johnson gave an update on upcoming Commission meetings; the small grants program; the Maryland Municipal League conference; and the MD Service Year Option program; and thanked Commissioners for their enthusiastic support and commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michele W. Johnson, Director, MD Two Fifty Commission