



MD Two Fifty Commission

Virtual Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 3:00pm

Attendance

Commissioners and designees present: Elaine Bachmann, Senator Benjamin Brooks, Katie Caljean, Dr. Tony Campbell, Alexandra Cenatus, Brenda Coakley, Secretary Rebecca Flora, Dr. Joni Floyd, Terri Lee Freeman, Governor Parris N. Glendening, Mayor Takisha James, Chanel Johnson, Steve Kearney, County Councilman Pete Leshner, Deputy Secretary Michael Lore, Patricia Maclay MD, Judge Catherine Curran (Katie) O'Malley, Sandi Olek, Peter Phin Ramsey, Steven Skerritt-Davis, Robin Sproul, Dr. Tony Ugues Jr., Rev. Larry Walker, Dr. Linda Weaver

Commissioners absent (no designee): Senator Jack Bailey, E. Keith Colston, Raquel Coombs, Secretary Jonny Dorsey, Judi Emmel, Elizabeth Hughes, Special Secretary Maria Martinez, Lt. Governor Aruna Miller, Cindy Miller, Nick Redding, Secretary Ed Rothstein

Staff: Michele W. Johnson, Mary Zell Galen, Angela Rush, Parys Wyatt

Minutes

Chair Glendening called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Commissioner Pete Leshner read the Land Acknowledgement.

Chair Glendening called for approval of the minutes from the April 22, 2026 virtual Commission meeting.

- Motion to approve by Senator Brooks, seconded by Vice Chair O'Malley, with all in favor.

Vice Chair O'Malley presented four grant amendment requests:

- #1: A resolution to approve a scope of work change for the Governor's Commission on Asian Pacific Affairs Lunar New Year event sponsorship.
- #2: A resolution to approve a request by the Town of Centreville in Queen Anne's County to amend the scope of work for their Inclusive History Grant.
- #3: A resolution to approve a request by Carroll County government to amend the scope of work for their Citizens Academy grant.
- #4: A resolution to approve a request by the Garrett County Arts Council to amend the scope of work for an Inclusive History grant.
- Vote: Vice Chair O'Malley invited questions and discussion and then called for a motion to approve all grant amendment requests. Motion by Mayor James,

seconded by Dr. Tony Ugues Jr., with all in favor with Secretary Flora abstaining from the Town of Centreville amendment.

Vice Chair O'Malley introduced working group and committee updates.

- Governor Glendening announced that the Executive Committee did not meet or take any votes since the April 22nd Commission meeting.
- Commissioners Sproul and Kearney shared an update from the Communications, Fundraising and Events Committee which met on May 21st. MD Two Fifty Revolutionary Baseball year two was scheduled with minor league games in late May through late June. They introduced a recommendation to support a libation ceremony on Friday, August 28th, 2026, the eve of the unveiling of the Maryland Monument to Honor Black Revolutionary War Patriots, submitted by the Maryland Commission on Artistic Property and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture on behalf of the State House Trust. Commissioners Bachmann and Compton Johnson presented an overview of the proposal then Vice Chair O'Malley called for a motion to approve (motion by Commissioner XX, seconded by Commissioner XX, with all in favor).
- Commissioners Compton Johnson and Freeman shared an update from the African American Heritage working group, which hosted a statewide virtual convening of Juneteenth organizers on May 4th with 50 enthusiastic participants, resulting in 44 Juneteenth events on the events page and All American Summer page. Another virtual convening of Emancipation Day organizers will be hosted in September.
- Commissioner Ugues shared an update from the Civics working group, announcing a planned recognition ceremony at the Prince George's 250 Block Party on Saturday May 30 celebrating the seven municipalities in the county receiving citizen academy grants from the Commission, a planned citizen academy session on Tuesday June 16 at 1:45pm at the Maryland Municipal League conference led by Mayor James and Director Johnson, and progress by Maryland Humanities on the MD Two Fifty Civics Moonshot.
- Commissioner Caljean shared an update from the History working group with details on the Maryland 400 Battle of Brooklyn events, America's Tapestry, and the Liberty Tree project.

Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lore, seconded by Commissioner Caljean, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele W. Johnson

Director, MD Two Fifty Commission