



Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs
Strategic Planning Session (SPS-I) Meeting

Virtual ZOOM
Thursday, February 6, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- I. **Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**
Curtis Ward, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs
- II. **GOCI Opening Remarks and Immigrants' Rights Protection in Maryland:**
Gregory Yancey, Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Kamal Essaheb, Director and Abigail Barnum, Special Assistant of the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs
- III. **Presenter - Maryland Corps Service Year Option Presentation:**
Secretary Paul Monteiro and COS Tess Hetzel from the Dept. of Service & Civic Innovation
- IV. **Sub-Committees: (The chair of each subcommittee to provide a written report of updates and discussions concerning their committee's progress since the last public commission meeting.)**
 - a. *Health*
 - b. *Business/Economic Development*
 - c. *Education (Workforce Development)*
 - d. *Community (Arts/Culture/Faith)*
- V. **Executive Order Discussion:**
Gregory Yancey, Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives to go over the new Executive Orders.
- VI. **Bylaw Discussion:**
Gregory Yancey, Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
How do the bylaws interact with the new executive order to govern commission operations.
- VII. **Maryland 250 Commission**
Keith Colston, Director of the Ethnic Commission of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives on the progress of ideas for this celebration.
- VIII. **Open Meetings Act Discussion:**
Keith Colston, Director of the Ethnic Commissions of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
GOCI to provide an overview of the Open Meetings Act.
- IX. **Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs 2025 Strategic Planning Discussion:**
Open discussion of the general direction the Moore-Miller administration and the current appointees would like the commission to go in, setting specific goals, and dialogue about strategies to achieve those goals.
- X. **Adjournment:**