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## **Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Commission Meeting**

Virtual [Zoom Link](#)

Thursday, May 15, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Agenda**

- I. Meeting Call to Order:**  
*Chair Tharwat Abouraya, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*
- II. Commission Roll Call and Introductions:**  
*Chair Tharwat Abouraya, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*
- III. Adoption of Agenda:**  
*Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*
- IV. Approval of Minutes:**  
*Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*
- V. Opening Remarks:**  
*Chair Tharwat Abouraya, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*
- VI. GOCI Remarks:**  
*Lawrence Walker, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives*  
*Dr. Antwan Brown, Administrative Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives*
- VII. Standing Committees:**
  - a) Education & Health Committee
  - b) Local Engagement & Inclusion (Commissioner Ammar Abudlhamid's visit to Syria.)
- VIII. Working Groups:**
  - a) Event Planning (lock-in dates & venue for September 2025 Annual Event)
  - b) Interfaith Programs (vote on draft for 2026 during the next Maryland State session)
  - c) Partnerships/Focus Groups
  - d) Strategic Communication/Legislation
  - e) Strategy Planning
- IX. Open Discussion – ALL:**
  - a) Commissioner Ammar's Abdulhamid's visit to Syria.
- X. Motion for Adjournment:**  
*Chair Tharwat Abouraya, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs*