



Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs

2nd Quarterly Commission Meeting

Virtual ZOOM

Thursday, July 10, 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:**
Lawrence Walker, Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Silvia Decja, Administrative Director for the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs (GOCI)
- III. **Approval of the Minutes for 05/29/2025:**
Curtis Ward, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs
- 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** (*Dr. Melissa Buckley-Chair*)
 - b. **Business/Economic Development** (*Kassandra Tucker-Chair*)
 - c. **Education/Workforce Development** (*Gabriel Christian-Chair*)
 - d. **Community (Arts/Culture/Faith)** (*Luis McSween-Chair*)
- V. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Carnival/Caribbean Festival (3-day event)**
 - b. **Library Event – create bags with the commission's name/GOCI logo**
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. **By-laws Discussion**
 - b. **Maryland Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration Discussion**
- VII. **Public Announcements & Upcoming Events:**
- VIII. **Adjournment:**
Curtis Ward, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs