



Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs

4th Quarterly Commission Meeting

Virtual ZOOM

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Agenda

I. Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:

Luis McSween, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs

II. GOCI Opening Remarks:

Silvia Decja, Administrative Director for the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs (GOCI)

III. Approval of the Minutes for 09/11/2025 and 10-29-25:

Luis McSween, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs

IV. Presentation from MD Two Fifty Commission:

Michele Johnson, Director – Maryland Department of Planning

V. 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.)*

Restructure of the subcommittees with the new commissioners.

Updates from the Subcommittee Chairs:

- a. **Health** *(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)*

VI. Working Groups:

- a. **Maryland Caribbean Voices Forum updates** *(Commissioner Melissa Buckley & Commissioner Samantha Howard)*

VII. New Business:

- a. **By-laws Discussion**
- b. **Hurricane Melissa Relief Response**

VIII. Old Business:

- a. **Old Commission Business**

IX. Public Announcements & Upcoming Events:

X. Adjournment:

Luis McSween, Chair of the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs