

Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council: Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2026, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Google Meet

Call to Order

Chair Rebecca Flora called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, welcomed attendees, and reviewed the agenda. She reiterated the Council’s mission per Governor Moore’s Executive Order on Economic Competitiveness to streamline interagency coordination for priority infrastructure and place-based projects. A roll call was conducted.

AGENCY	DESIGNEE/ALTERNATE*	PRESENT	ABSENT
MDP	Rebecca Flora	x	
MDOT/SHA	Joe McAndrew (Johnathan Rogers)	x	
DHCD	Julia Glanz	x	
MDA	Michael Calkins	x	
MEA	Jenn Aiosa	x	
MDSP	Jason Mowbray	x	
MDE	Suzanne Dorsey	x	
MDH (ex-officio)	Clint Hackett	x	
DNR	Dave Goshorn	x	
DoIT	Marcy Jacobs (Natalie Evan-Harris)	x	
Commerce	Luis Cardona	x	
MEDCO	Nick Henninger-Ayoub*	x	
Urban Co. – Montgomery County (pending appointment)	Jason Sartori	x	
Urban Municipality - Baltimore City	Justin Williams	x	
Rural Co Rep - Wicomico County	Tracey Greene Taylor	x	
Rural Municipality-Thurmont (pending appointment)	Kelly Duty	x	
Governor’s Office (ex-officio)	Meghan Conklin/ <u>Katelin Moody</u>	x	

Public Viewers: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from December 10, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Jason Mowbray; second by Julia Glanz. No abstentions or opposition. Approved by general consent.

Featured Presentation: Permitting Dashboard – DoIT - Darren Lloyd, Seemab Kazmi

Natalie Evans Harris (DoIT) introduced the presenters and reminded member agencies of the need to submit required data for inclusion in the dashboard. Darren provided an overview of the Phase I public-facing dashboard, including a demonstration of the permit finder and other key features. The dashboard will be hosted on the Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council's landing page, which is maintained by MDP. Seemab demonstrated the Clik Analytics application, highlighting the ability to filter and review data across individual permit components. The dashboard is in the final stages of development and is anticipated to go live by January 21, 2026.

Featured Presentation: Local Permitting Perspective – MOCO – Jason Sartori, Robert Kronenberg, Ehsan Motazed

Jason provided an overview of the permitting process as it currently exists at the county level in Montgomery County, with a focus on the Montgomery County Planning Department's approach to land development. He outlined the development review process, including the various application types, interagency coordination, and progression from application intake through board approval. Jason also discussed recent legislative efforts aimed at improving and streamlining the development review process. He highlighted the County's Community Planning Academy, which offers an online curriculum to educate the public on the planning process and effective engagement opportunities in Montgomery County. In addition, he described the County's "Speed to Market" initiative established in 2021, the implementation of an expedited approval process, and recent improvements to the local permitting process for agritourism.

Tech Design Task Force Update

Ellen Mussman emphasized that the dashboard is currently a prototype and provided an overview of the Phase I challenges, opportunities, and next steps.

Working Group Update

Darius White explained the purpose and frequency of the working group meetings and noted that the next meeting will focus on discussion of the final report.

Next Working Group Meeting:

- January 20th, 2026

Pilot Project Updates

Darius White, Sylvia Mosser, and Maggi Currier provided status updates on six active pilot projects. Updates focused on current permitting stages, interagency coordination progress, and identification of process challenges or dependencies requiring follow-up.

Housing EO Permitting Related Activity Update

Jordan Gilmore provided an overview of Housing Executive Order 01.01.2025.19 and its relevance to permitting-related activities. He gave updates on permitting related activity.

State Permitting Presentation: Maryland OSFM – Kenneth Bush, Joseph Walters

Kenneth reviewed the enforcement framework for the State Fire Prevention Code, including building performance standards and Maryland-applicable building codes and standards. He also discussed Maryland building permit requirements, pilot project enforcement efforts, and ongoing enforcement challenges.

Joseph Walters presented the future of the reporting management system, outlining the transition to new technology and the shift from hard-copy processes to a fully digital system to improve efficiency and productivity. He noted that the system is currently in the development phase.

Closed Session

A closed session was not needed

Upcoming Activity

Chair Flora reviewed upcoming milestones and deliverables related to Executive Order implementation and reporting requirements including the Final Report to the Governor due on June 30, 2026. The FY26-Q2 report that includes some of what was in today's presentation was submitted to the Governor's office on 1/13/26 and will be posted to the web site on 1/21/26. Legislative briefings have been requested by the Environment and Transportation Committee (scheduled for 1/22/26) and the Education, Energy and Environment in February. MDPs Sustainable Growth Network open to the public meeting on 1/23/26 will include a panel on local permitting.

Closing

Chair Flora invited closing thoughts from Council members. There was no discussion. A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Calkins and seconded by Suzanne Dorsey.

Adjournment: 2:44 PM