

Maryland Coordinated Permitting Review Council: Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2026, 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Google Meet

Call to Order

Chair Rebecca Flora called the meeting to order at 1:45 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 (Kenya Lucas)	x	
DHCD	Julia Glanz (Steven Palmer)	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 January 14, 2026, meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve by Jenn Aiosa; second by Michael Calkins. No abstentions or opposition. Approved by general consent.

Featured Presentation: Pilot Project, Phase 1 at Bainbridge– Kate Nolan Bryden

Ms. Bryden provided an update of Phase I of the Bainbridge pilot project, including project scope, timeline, and permitting considerations. The presentation highlighted state partnerships (MDE, SHA, MDTA, DNR), the preliminary site plan, and the broad master plan. Final site plans are targeted for Spring 2026 with a targeted completion in early 2028. Types of employment driven to this project include warehouse, skilled mechanical and robotic, and managerial logistic roles adding to a dynamic workforce. The ability to get the project's improvements permitted would greatly benefit the Cecil County region.

Featured Presentation: Local Permitting Perspective, Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning– Brian Lightner, Crysta Draayer

Mr. Lightner provided an overview of the County's permitting framework, including the primary development review pathways, the role of the Development Advisory Committee, and the use of e-permitting tools. He also discussed recent process improvements and noted ongoing challenges related to staff capacity and alignment with statewide requirements. Ms. Draayer highlighted the County's Track-It system as a transparency tool used to monitor and communicate the status of active permitting applications. Mr. Bourcier also noted recent process improvements, successes, and ongoing challenges related to staff capacity and alignment with statewide requirements.

Featured Presentation: State Permitting Agency, DNR – Katherine Charbonneau

Ms. Charbonneau provided an overview of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Environmental Review Program (ERP), which coordinates environmental impact reviews for state, local, and certain federal permits and projects. She outlined the program's role in providing technical feedback, impact avoidance and mitigation recommendations, and interagency coordination, noting that DNR is not a permitting agency. Ms. Charbonneau also discussed ERP's review process, use of internal tracking tools to meet agency deadlines, and its involvement in two MCPRC pilot projects, SBY Market Center and Phase I at Bainbridge.

Updates on Key Areas of Activity

Summary of updates provided in the Council folder for review

Year-End Report

Secretary Flora provided an update on development of the MCPRC Year End Report to the Governor, due June 30, 2026. She reviewed the anticipated timeline and major components of the report, including agency recommendations, stakeholder engagement, surveys, and final deliverables.

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. An outline will be provided at the next meeting for the Final Report.

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 Nick Henninger.

Adjournment: 3:04 PM