

**MARYLAND ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**MARYLAND ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY COUNCIL (The Council)**

Shannetta Griffin, MD Aviation Administration  
Keiva Rodriques, MD Aviation Administration (Designee at  
the start of meeting)  
John Slaughter, University of Maryland  
Maj. Michael Tagliaferri, MD State Police  
Ashley Sharp, MD Department of Labor  
John Porcari, former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Dept. Of  
Transportation and former Secretary, MD Dept. of  
Transportation  
Greg Pecoraro, Nat'l Assoc. of State Aviation Officials  
Andrew Moore, Frederick Municipal Airport  
Robert Sager, Office of MD Attorney General (Designee)  
Darius White, MD Department of Planning (Designee)  
John Gilstrap, MD Department of Commerce (Designee)

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

**MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (MAA)**

Joe McAndrew  
Ashish Solanki  
Staci Gorden  
Theodore Eyler

**OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

Colter Menke, MD Department of Commerce

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Suzanne Murtha, AECOM  
Anthony Tezla, AECOM  
Regan Beck, AECOM

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**WELCOME** – Ashish Solanki and Keiva Rodriques

Mr. Solanki called the meeting to order. Ms. Rodriques provided brief welcome remarks on behalf of Ms. Griffin, who was delayed in joining the meeting. Mr. Solanki then conducted the roll call.

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**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

Upon request for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, it was so moved by Mr. Pecoraro, seconded by Ms. Rodriques, and approved unanimously.

**CALL FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

No additional agenda items were recommended by Council.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The following new members were welcomed to the Council — Mr. John Porcari, Mr. Greg Pecoraro, Dr. Yolanda Wilson, and Mr. Andrew Moore.

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE**— Anthony Tezla

MAA has contracted with the infrastructure consulting firm AECOM to help draft the report that will be submitted to the Governor's Office.

Mr. Tezla provided a brief recap of AECOM's activities since the last meeting. Since the last meeting, AECOM staff have interviewed some of the new Council members to collect their input. Additional interviews with new members will continue to be scheduled. AECOM staff have also continued to revise the draft report (working paper) and initial findings. Mr. Tezla made note of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> due date for the draft report to be submitted to the Governor's Office.

During this portion of the meeting, he highlighted portions of content that were recently added to the report. He also led a discussion with Council members who provided feedback. Additionally, the group continued to hone in on and identify findings (potential recommendations) on how the state of Maryland can use advanced air mobility to improve economic development.

Members of the Council provided the following feedback/input on the draft report:

- Updating the document so that it has more connectivity and highlights the value to the state of Maryland.
- Updating the "Maryland AAM Characteristics" table on page 3
- Updating the photo on page 6 so that it is more user-friendly
- Adding a recommendation of a feasibility study on future advanced air mobility service at all regional and private airports within the state.
- Incorporating into the community engagement section, a recommendation on educating public sector officials, state legislators, etc.
- Emphasizing the importance of regional aviation in the report and the findings

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- Reviewing the section on what AAM is and why it is important in order to ensure it is easily understood by a general audience, particularly those who may not be familiar with advanced air mobility.
- Submitting both the draft report and the initial findings to the Governor’s Office for the June 2 deliverable.
- Updating the content on page 5 that indicates “Maryland may have ten years or more time to monitor, react, and prepare for this industry.” Using a shorter timeframe like “near term” is recommended.
- Adding information on aviation security.

Members of the Council provided the following feedback/input on the initial findings:

- Finding #5 – Update the language on state preemption
- Adding a new finding focused on safety
- Adding a new finding or revising an existing finding so that it explains the need for state vs. local jurisdictional authority as well as route development
- Adding a new finding on business incentives
- Adding a new finding or revising an existing finding that explains how third party entities operate within the AAM ecosystem.
- Finding #15 – Recommend including a multi-agency approach for AAM Oversight. The Council will need to further research and discuss whether or not this should be led by the Department of Transportation.
- Adding a new finding pertaining to aviation security.

Any additional feedback from Council members is welcomed. Please email feedback to Ashish Solanki ([asolanki@bwiairport.com](mailto:asolanki@bwiairport.com)) and Anthony Tezla ([Anthony.Tezla@aecom.com](mailto:Anthony.Tezla@aecom.com)).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The were no comments from members of the public.

**NEXT STEPS** – Ashish Solanki and Anthony Tezla

AECOM will incorporate the feedback received today and make further revisions to the documents. They will distribute updated versions of both the draft report and the initial findings to the Council for final review before submission to MDOT by the end of the week, and then to the Governor’s Office by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Working Group will continue to hold working sessions 1-2 times per week in order to further develop the report content and recommendations for the final deliverable due in November 2025. Meeting invites and discussion topics for these working sessions will be sent out to all Council members, and those who are interested and available are welcomed to attend. Council members may also choose to have a designee participate in the working group sessions in their place.

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Mr. Slaughter inquired if Council members were amenable to hearing from key players in the advanced air mobility industry. He offered to reach out and invite potential guest speakers to present at future council meetings. Ms. Griffin agreed that this would be beneficial for the Council. She indicated that there are trade organizations that do similar presentations.

Future Council meetings are scheduled as follows:

- June 30 @ 1 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting @ UMD UAS Research & Operations Center
- July 28 @ 1 p.m. – Virtual Meeting
- August 25 @ 1 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting @ Talbot County Community Center

Upon request for a motion to adjourn, it was so moved by Mr. Porcari, seconded by Ms. Griffin, and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.