

**MARYLAND ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

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**OPEN SESSION**

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

Keiva Rodrigues, MD Aviation Admin. (Designee)  
John Slaughter, University of Maryland  
Rebecca Flora, MD Department of Planning  
Maj. Michael Tagliaferri (Designee), MD State Police  
Ashley Sharp (Designee), MD Department of Labor

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**

**MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (MAA)**

Joe McAndrew, MD Department of Transportation  
Drew Morrison, MD Department of Transportation  
Ashish Solanki  
Bill Lindsey  
Staci Gorden  
Robert Sager  
Theodore Eyler

**OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

Colter Menke, MD Department of Commerce  
Ulyana Desiderio, , MD Department of Commerce

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

John Porcari, former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Dept. Of  
Transportation and former Secretary, MD Dept. of  
Transportation  
Suzanne Murtha, AECOM  
John Sulsona, AECOM  
Anthony Tezla, AECOM

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

**WELCOME** – Keiva Rodrigues

Ms. Rodrigues, MAA Chief Operating Officer, provided brief welcome remarks and explained that she was filling in for MAA Executive Director & CEO Shannetta Griffin, who was unable to attend 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 March 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, it was so moved by Mr. Tagliaferri, seconded by Secretary Flora, and approved unanimously.

**WORKING PAPER #2**

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

During the meeting, AECOM provided an overview of the next iteration of the draft report, which is referred to as Working Paper #2.

Sections outlined in the draft report include:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Necessary Policies and Regulations for AAM
- Initial phase-in timeline
- Public communications campaigns
- Educational Opportunities
- AAM Regulatory Model Considerations

For this iteration of the report, AECOM added more content and detail to sections 1, 2 and 3, which covers necessary policies, initial phase-in timeline, public communications campaigns, and educational opportunities. Each section of the report includes an approach and findings. AECOM used this portion of the meeting to focus on these sections, discuss and receive feedback, and identify findings/ potential recommendations for the final report.

Several council members provided feedback recommending a new approach to organizing the content in the report. They found the current structure somewhat dense and difficult to follow. Some council members felt that the report should not expound on the Executive Order point by point, rather it should use a different framework that establishes a compelling narrative and explains why Advanced Air Mobility should be a priority for the state's economic future.

AECOM plans to host smaller working group sessions with Council members to address the suggested revisions. Ms. Rodriques encouraged the group to begin thinking about specific recommendations and/or action items that can be included in the report. Mr. Slaughter offered to provide AECOM with a copy of the white paper he authored, which covers similar topics related to Advanced Air Mobility in the State of Maryland. Ms. Sharp shared that she intends to review the workforce development portion of the report with her team at the Maryland Department of Labor and then provide feedback at a subsequent meeting. Mr. Slaughter

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recommended that the Council invite key players in the advanced air mobility industry to come speak to the group to share their perspective. He felt that working group sessions may be the optimal time for these kinds of guest speakers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from members of the public.

**NEXT STEPS – Keiva Rodriques**

Future meetings are scheduled as follows:

- May 12 @ 1 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting
- June 2 @ 1 p.m. – Virtual Meeting
- June 30 @ 1 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.