

**MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026
TERMINAL BUILDING, A/B CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR
BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT**

OPEN SESSION

MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

Katie Thomson, Chair
Ned Carey
LaTara Harris
W. Drew Hawkins
Charles Madison
Cedric Sims
Donald Stanton
David Winstead
Dr. Zafar Zafari (*virtual attendee*)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (MAA)

Shannetta Griffin, Executive Director
Tunji Adenekan
Stacey Armstead (*virtual attendee*)
Royce Bassarab (*virtual attendee*)
Dean Christmon
Traci Clark
Niqui Clark (*virtual attendee*)
Jeanette Cook
Rod Davis
Jonathan Dean
Jennifer Dorian
Theodore Eyler
Staci Gorden
Sean Hammer
John Harvell
Stacey Hicks-Johnson
Jordan Kayloe
Kyle Kolper
William Lindsey
Tara McDaniel
Vincent Mendel
Nia Newton
Wayne Pennell
George Robinson
Raquel Robinson

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Keiva Rodriques
Paul Shank
Anthony Tangorra
Shanida Thomas-Broderick
Darline Terrell-Tyson (*virtual attendee*)

OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

Ben McGlaughlin, Department of Commerce

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Laura Atwood
Robert Cornet (*virtual attendee*)
Laura Donovan
Steve Metalitz
James Riggio (*virtual attendee*)

Chairwoman Thomson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS FROM CHAIR – Chair Thomson

Chair Thomson made brief welcome remarks. She then asked members of the public in attendance to identify themselves.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2025 – Chair Thomson

Upon request for a motion to approve the amended minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting, it was so moved by Commissioner Winstead, seconded by Commissioner Carey and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2026 – Chair Thomson

Upon request for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting, it was so moved by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Carey and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Executive Director Shannetta Griffin

The Executive Director provided a brief overview of the agenda. She then provided updates pertaining to recent developments including MAA’s organization-wide realignment, new Use

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and Lease Agreement, an Air Service Advisory Committee, a newly launched Air Service Development webpage, forthcoming Master Plan and Airport Layout Plan, and a new Wastewater Agreement with Anne Arundel County.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING – Paul Shank, Chief Engineer

COMAR Final Action – BWI Airport Noise Zone and Noise Abatement Plan Updates

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) proposed to update the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) to reflect an updated Airport Noise Zone (ANZ) and Noise Abatement Plan (NAP) for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall).

The MAA develops and certifies the BWI Marshall ANZ pursuant to the *Maryland Environmental Noise Act of 1974* (See Transportation Article, §§5-805, 5-806, and 5-819, Annotated Code of Maryland). This legislation requires an “assessment of the noise environment”, delineation of a “noise zone”, and development of a noise abatement plan every five years. The current ANZ for BWI Marshall, certified in 2021, is referenced in COMAR Section 11.03.01.12 - *Certified Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) Noise Zone* and incorporated by reference in COMAR Section 11.03.01.01-1(B)(5).

MAA presented the proposed 2025 ANZ to the Commission on November 12th, 2025. The decision paper and presentation provided an overview of MAA’s requirements to prepare an update to the ANZ, reviewed the scope, process, and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), presented the Draft 2025 BWI ANZ noise contours, provided an overview of the NAP, and highlighted the public notice and review process.

MAA subsequently completed and published the draft ANZ document, held a public workshop and hearing, reviewed and prepared responses to submitted public comments, and prepared the final BWI Marshall 2025 ANZ document.

Upon request for a motion to approve the proposed amendment to Regulation .01, .01-1 and .12 under COMAR 11.03.01 Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, it was so moved by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Hawkins and approved unanimously.

COMAR Final Action – MTN Airport Noise Zone and Noise Abatement Plan Updates

MDOT MAA proposed to update COMAR to reflect an updated ANZ and NAP for Martin State Airport (MTN). The MAA develops and certifies the MTN ANZ pursuant to the *Maryland Environmental Noise Act of 1974* (See Transportation Article, §§5-805, 5-806, and 5-819,

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Annotated Code of Maryland).

MAA proposed to establish the updated ANZ and NAP for MTN by amending COMAR 11.03.02.10 and incorporated by reference in COMAR Section 11.03.01.01-1 B(6).

MAA presented the proposed 2025 ANZ to the Commission on November 12th, 2025. The presentation provided an overview of MAA's requirements to prepare an update to the ANZ, reviewed the scope, process, and Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), presented the Draft 2025 MTN ANZ noise contours, provided an overview of the NAP, and highlighted the public notice and review process.

MAA subsequently completed and published the Draft ANZ document, held a public workshop and hearing, reviewed and prepared responses to submitted public comments, and prepared the final MTN 2025 ANZ document.

Upon request for a motion to approve the proposed amendment to COMAR 11.03.02.10, Martin State Airport, and COMAR 11.03.01.01-1, it was so moved by Commissioner Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Stanton and approved unanimously.

Follow-up Discussion - COMAR Final Action - ANZ Updates

There was a follow-up discussion pertaining to noise reports and how forecasted noise projections impact land use plans, as well as a discussion on education and outreach strategies for reducing noise impacts on communities. Commissioners also discussed the circumstances surrounding the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) indicating that adjustments to departure procedures at BWI Marshall could take up to five years.

MARKETING AND AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT – Jordan Kayloe, Director of Air Service Development and Tunji Adenekan, Policy Advisor

Mr. Kayloe presented updates pertaining to air service development at BWI Marshall.

Air Service Development at BWI

BWI Marshall has scheduled passenger service from 14 airlines, including two returning carriers—Contour (starting June 9, 2026) and JetBlue (starting July 9, 2026). Spirit Airlines ceased operations on May 2, 2026.

Looking at capacity in Q3 2026, seats are down 7% year-over-year. Our largest carrier, Southwest, has not been growing. They are constrained due to delays in receiving new aircraft

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from Boeing. In addition, schedule disruptions could occur due to runway construction on Runway 10-28 in August and September 2026 at BWI Marshall.

In Q3 2026, carrier capacity share rankings have shifted.

- Southwest: 73.8%
- Delta: 6.0%
- Frontier: 7.1%
- United: 4.5%
- American: 4.1%
- Other: 4.1%

Spirit falls from #2 with bankruptcy liquidation. Frontier has increased its capacity share and is filling part of the gap left by Spirit. However, fuel price increases have curtailed some of their growth.

Airlines have added new routes for FY26:

Alaska: added Portland

BermudAir: added Anguilla

Contour: added Macon

Frontier: added Chicago, Houston, New Orleans, Cancun, and Fort Lauderdale

Southwest: added St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Knoxville, Oklahoma City, Pensacola

Airlines have announced new routes for FY27:

BermudAir: will add Turks & Caicos

JetBlue: will add Fort Lauderdale, San Juan

BWI Marshall's route map now includes 90 nonstop destinations.

In Q2 2026, Washington-Dulles leads the region in seat capacity:

IAD: 36%

BWI: 32%

DCA: 32%

Capacity at BWI Marshall and IAD grows and shrinks with seasonal demand. DCA's slot rules hold capacity steady year-round, so DCA lags in summer.

The gap is much larger looking at international seat capacity:

IAD: 89%

BWI: 7%

DCA: 4%

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Total passenger traffic continues to trend downward. The K-shaped economy does not favor the all-economy carriers prevalent at BWI Marshall. May numbers are preliminary. Spirit numbers for April and May are estimated.

Cargo volume is trending positively, mostly attributed to Amazon.

There was follow-up discussion on the impact of fuel prices on cargo operations, the capacity and passengers numbers at DCA and IAD, and the impact of Southwest's new seating policy. Executive Director Griffen shared that MAA has recently joined two large cargo associations in order to learn and expand BWI Marshall's cargo operations.

MAC COMMITTEES – NEXT STEPS

Representatives from each of the committees provided a summary of key activities and decisions made since the Commission meeting in February.

Air Service Development Incentive Committee – Mr. Tunji Adenekan:

The Air Service Development Incentive Committee held their initial meeting on May 6, 2026. Commissioner David Winstead was selected as the Chair. The group chose not to create a charter. The committee participated in air service development trainings provided by Campbell-Hill Aviation Group. The goal was to provide all Committee members with a baseline level of knowledge on air service development in order for them to help develop an air service incentive program.

Finance Committee – Commissioner Ned Carey:

The Finance Committee held their initial meeting on May 21, 2026. Commissioner Ned Carey was selected as Chair. The group chose not to create a charter because they felt that the committee description that already exists adequately meets this need. The group thought they should function in an advisory capacity and consent on financial issues. Possible focus areas include: capital budget, bond rating, financial impacts of airline operations, and financial impacts of potential federal legislation. The Committee members are looking forward to participating in operating budget and capital budget training sessions in order to gain foundational knowledge.

Economic Development Committee:

The Economic Development Committee has not yet met, but the group is scheduled to meet at the conclusion of today's Commission meeting on June 17, 2026.

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PROCESS FOR COMMISSION REVIEW / APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS ON COMMISSION WEBPAGE – Executive Director Shannetta Griffin

Supplemental Materials on the Commission Webpage

Executive Director Griffin proposed a process for reviewing/approving requests for documents to be placed on the Commission webpage. The purpose of this discussion was to close the loop on a previous request from Commissioner Reese to place a Supplemental Annual Report on the Commission webpage that was drafted by herself and former Commissioner Chancellor independently of the Maryland Aviation Commission.

Review/Approval Process for Posting Supplemental Materials to Commission Webpage:

- 1) Commissioners (or stakeholders) submit request to add materials to Commission webpage.
- 2) Commission reviews, discusses and provides feedback.
- 3) Request approved or denied.

There was follow-up discussion about the amount of time Commissioners would have to review and give feedback on the supplemental material. In response, Executive Director Griffin asked Commissioners if a week, 10 days, or two weeks was sufficient time. There was concurrence on a 10-day timeframe for review and feedback of supplemental materials. There was also discussion about whether this review and approval process would be conducted via email, in-person during Commission meetings, or a combination of both. Chair Thomson recommended that any new requests for Commission review/approval be added as an agenda item at the next Commission meeting.

There was concurrence among Commissioners with this process going forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Laura Atwood – Ms. Atwood spoke about a lack of passenger safety and organizational transparency as it relates to policies concerning deportation charter flights occurring out of BWI Marshall. She encouraged MAA and the Department of Transportation to prioritize professional ethics and reject broad fear-based appeasement.

Robert Cornet – Mr. Cornet spoke about how other airports have used transparency and safety standards to discourage in a legally durable way carriers who choose to fly deportation flights for ICE. He encouraged BWI Marshall and MAA to take a similar approach.

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Steve Metalitz – Mr. Metalitz spoke about charter carriers that engage in practices that Maryland taxpayers should not support, including those that operate deportation flights as part of “ICE Air”. Charter airlines that participate in such activities should not be welcome to offer passenger service at BWI Marshall and should be ineligible for the Air Service Incentive Program at BWI Marshall.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Sims, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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ACTION ITEMS

(FOR MAA):

- MAA will share the PowerPoint presentation from the Air Service Development trainings conducted by Campbell-Hill Aviation Group that Commissioners participated in on May 28, 2026 and June 2, 2026.

(FOR COMMISSIONERS)

- Complete virtual [Open Meetings Act Training](#).
- Financial Disclosure Forms ---one Commissioner is outstanding