



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

Participants: Co-Chair Kurt Fuchs, Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Matt Tefteau, Bob Zimmeroff, Bill Valentine, Melanie Pursel, Janice Palmer, Chudi Obi, Janice Palmer, John Hartline, Alice Settle-Raskin, Josh Hastings, Cassandra Vanhooser, William Reid, Kimberly Kratovil, Joe Hinson
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Molli Cole, Leeza DeCheubel

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. with the introduction of the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs. Kurt Fuchs, Manager of External Affairs at Easton Utilities, was introduced as Co-Chair. It was noted that the second Co-Chair position remains vacant and is open to interested individuals.

The committee then welcomed the guest speaker, the Honorable Mary Beth Carozza, Representative for District 38. Senator Carozza paid her respects to Delegate Charles Otto and provided an overview of current rural Maryland priorities, including ongoing and anticipated funding efforts impacting rural communities.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July 29, 2025, meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Bill Valentine and seconded by Josh Hastings. The motion was approved.

The committee reviewed the Legislative Committee Policy for consideration during the legislative session.

Discussion then turned to the draft 2026 Legislative Priorities. Members agreed to further digest the draft and consider a motion at the next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom teleconference.

The committee reviewed items related to the upcoming 2026 legislative session, including a draft of the Rural Readiness Program and anticipated leadership changes within the Maryland General Assembly.

Upcoming 2026 legislative events were outlined, including the Legislative Lunch scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, at the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis; Rural Maryland Day on Thursday, February 12, with the location to be determined; and Maryland Day on Wednesday, March 25, at Lawyer's Mall in Annapolis.

The meeting concluded with announcements and an exchange of information among members. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.