



RMC Rural Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Zoom Teleconference

Participants: Cindy Stone, Susie Hayward, Chris Kaselemis, Chris Mullett, Alice Settle-Raskin, Claudia Wilson Randall, Kat Stork Blaher, Yvonne Golczewski, Donna Hurley, Kimberly M. Fisher, Jamie Williams  
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Molli Cole, Leeza DeCheubel

Executive Director Charlotte Davis welcomed the committee and initiated the meeting at 9:02 am.

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from November 21, 2024. Susie Hayward motioned to approve the minutes; Claudia Wilson Randall seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Claudia Wilson Randall delivered a slideshow presentation to the committee highlighting recent state and federal developments, including:

- 1) Federal Updates – Key responses to recent actions by the Trump Administration, particularly concerning diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and environmental justice.
  - a. [Time article on Trump and DEI/Environmental Justice](#)
- 2) State Budget Developments – Highlights from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) budget hearings.
- 3) Bills of Interest
  - a. SB0566/ HB0796 Real Property – Filing Fee for Residential Mortgage Foreclosure – Increase
  - b. SB0651/ HB0709 Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination
  - c. SB0859/ HB1014 Fair Share for Maryland Act of 2025
  - d. SB0430/ HB0503 Land Use - Regional Housing Infrastructure Gap (Housing for Jobs Act)
    - i. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OAur7DnTOM5ZZwmsbFFB99kyzS9cNXF/view>
  - e. SB0682/ HB0769 Real Property - Residential Foreclosures - Materially Delinquent Mortgages

The committee discussed additional legislation, including:

- 1) HB716 - Housing and Community Development - Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program Eligibility – Alterations
- 2) SB666 - Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding

- 3) SB430 - Land Use - Regional Housing Infrastructure Gap (Housing for Jobs Act)
- 4) HB93 - Housing and Community Development - Homeless Shelter Certification Program – Establishment

Ms. Davis opened the floor to members to share additional thoughts and resources. Susie Hayward shared [Housing Statistics](#) provided by the Maryland Realtors, which is updated each month. In addition, Claudia Wilson Randall shared [UMBC Poll](#) results that centered on Marylander's public opinion, including the direction of the state, and issues facing the state. Claudia Wilson Randall also shared an [article](#) that explored how New Jersey has enacted wide-ranging legislation to increase affordable housing.

Members discussed the possibility of exploring a Rural Caucus and were urged to look into the Maryland Homestead Property Tax Credit Program.

Committee members were encouraged to attend Capitol Hill Day, hosted by the Federal Bar Association, on March 27, 2025.

The committee discussed potential speakers for future meetings. Members suggested reaching out to Leslie Strauss, Senior Policy Analyst, Housing Assistance Council (HAC). The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2025, from 9:00am to 11:00am via Zoom.

Chris Kaselemis motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alice Settle-Raskin seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:10 am.