



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Zoom

Minutes

Participants: Co-Chair Kurt Fuchs, Bill Valentine, Bob Zimberoff, Susanne Richards, Megan Speake, Alice Settle-Raskin, Jennifer Walsh, Bill Christopher, Kim Righi, Heather Tinelli, John Hartline, Janice Palmer, Scott Warner, William Reid, Susan O'Neill, Dan Rider, Stacy Kubokcik, Steve McHenry, Alyssa Hastings, Matt Tefteau, Daisy Lukose

RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D'Arcy, Leeza DeCheubel

Co-Chair Kurt Fuchs called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM and led introductions.

The minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting were reviewed, and Bill Valentine moved to approve them; the motion was seconded by John Hartline, and the minutes were approved as presented.

The committee discussed legislation.

Updates

- SB0300 / HB0461 – Economic Development - Rural Readiness Program and Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund – Establishment
 - Update provided by Charlotte Davis
 - Bill has advanced to second reading in the House

Staff Recommendation: Support

- HB1554 - Sales and Use Tax - Electricity for Agriculture Purposes - Study and Report;
Motion to support by Steve McHenry; Seconded by Bill Valentine; *RMC Position: Support*

Staff Recommendation: Monitor

Members reviewed the following bills:

- SB0019 (HB1106) - Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement – Establishment
- HB1395 (SB0849) - Consumer Protection - Agricultural Equipment Warranties
- HB1429 - Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Motor Vehicles and Farm Equipment
- HB1560 - Forest Conservation - Incentives - Pilot Program and Fund



- HB1572 - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources – Waste-to-Energy
- HB1626 - Agriculture - Access to Food (Maryland Food Security, Access, and Equity Act)

Staff Recommendation: Questionable

- SB0641 (HB0728) - State Procurement - Exceptions - Historic Preservation Services; ***Moved to Monitor***
- SB0754 - Land Use - Preservation of Natural Resources; ***Moved to Monitor***
- SB0875 (HB1388) - Oysters - Rotational Harvest - Pilot Program; **Motion to support by Steve McHenry; Seconded by Bob Zimmeroff; RMC Position: Support**
- HB1342 - Agriculture - Controlled-Environment and Hydroponic Agriculture; ***Moved to Monitor***
- HB1148 (SB0765) - Property Taxes - Tax Sales, Heirs Protection Program, and Tax Credits; ***Moved to Monitor***
- HB1367 - Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland; ***Moved to Monitor***

Maryland Day will be held on March 25, and the Spring Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for April 3.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026.

With no additional items to discuss, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:53 PM.