



RMC Youth Engagement Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Zoom Teleconference
Minutes

Participants: Keirsten DeBoer, Roseanna Vogt, Mark Milby, Brandon Rosario, Scott Warner, Carmella Watkins, John Hartline, Heather Lageman, Patty Shreves, Jerry McLaurin
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Leeza DeCheubel

The RMC Engagement Committee meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Charlotte Davis. Ms. Davis welcomed committee members and guests and facilitated introductions.

Keirsten DeBoer, Development Manager with Junior Achievement (JA) of the Eastern Shore, served as the guest speaker and provided an overview of JA's programs and services. JA serves students throughout Maryland's Eastern Shore, as well as portions of Virginia and Delaware, and focuses on financial literacy, career readiness, entrepreneurship, and experiential learning. JA also provides programming for elementary, middle, and high school students, homeschool students, and young adults with varying disabilities.

Carmella Watkins motioned to approve December 16, 2025, meeting minutes; Roseanna Vogt seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Davis provided an overview of FFA Day in Annapolis, which RMC supported through sponsorship. More than 200 students participated in the event, which included opportunities for students to engage with state legislators, learn about state government, participate in a luncheon, and receive recognition for their achievements. Mark Milby provided an update on upcoming FFA regional and statewide judging and career-development contests, as well as the state convention in June and the National FFA Convention in October.

Jerry McLaurin provided an update on the Summer Career Enrichment Program, which is entering its sixth year on the Eastern Shore. The program exposes middle-school students to animation, app development, gaming, chess, cybersecurity, drones, media arts, video design, robotics, and other technology-related fields.

The committee also discussed incorporating apprenticeships, internships, and year-round or after-school programming into the proposed workforce initiative. Patty Shrems expressed interest in supporting apprenticeship opportunities connected to the program, and Mr. McLaurin confirmed that apprenticeships are an important component of the proposed expansion.

Members emphasized the importance of engaging students in grades 6–8 in career and workforce-development activities before students become more established in their career pathways

Upcoming events discussed included Maryland Day on March 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lawyers Mall, the Spring Executive Committee Meeting on April 3 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Senate Building, and the next Engagement Committee meeting on June 10.

Carmella Watkins motioned to adjourn; John Hartline seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.