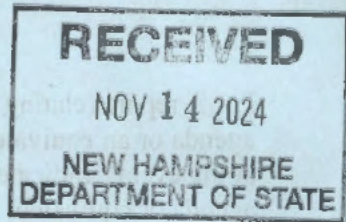


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 14-C)

For Legislators and Legislative Employees



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Meeting Agenda

2. HEALTH TOUR: IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR MOTHERS, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

Visit the Baltimore Healthy Start program, which demonstrates how children, mothers, and families can be supported to assure a positive, sustainable future. Their programs and services have reduced high rates of infant and mother mortality and morbidity by supporting children, mothers, fathers, and families from conception to early childhood and beyond. We will visit their service site and hear from key stakeholders about how this program began, the depth and breadth of its services, how it is sustained, and the outcomes it has achieved.

3. EDUCATION TOUR: 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL TOUR

For more than a decade, Baltimore City Public Schools has been working in partnership with the state to renovate or replace aging school buildings. The initiative aims to modernize schools to improve health and safety conditions and enhance the learning environment for Baltimore students. In addition to increasing health, safety, and learning outcomes for students, the new buildings provide recreational and resource hubs for the local community. Participants will visit two nearby schools, one before and one after construction. A representative from the program will guide attendees through the schools and provide background on the bus.

4. TOUR OF AMAZON BWI: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

Workforce development is key to the success of businesses and local communities. On this tour of Amazon's Baltimore fulfillment center, you will learn about Amazon's \$1.2 billion investment in workforce

development across the U.S., including the Career Choice program, which pre-pays tuition for degrees and skills training. You will also meet team members at the heart of Amazon's operations, experience the customer order fulfillment journey, and witness innovative robotics technology in action.

All guests must wear flat, closed-toed, and closed-heel shoes (no sandals, clogs or high heels). We recommend wearing comfortable shoes or sneakers, as the site will provide rubber overshoes. Additionally, long hair must be pulled at or above shoulder length. Loose fitting clothing (long-hanging jewelry, scarves, or ties) are not permitted. Headscarves worn for religious reasons are permitted but must be tucked in securely.

5. PORT OF BALTIMORE TOUR 2

This tour will include a visit to Seagirt and Dundalk Marine Terminals to view container and roll-on/roll-off cargo. You must sign up no later than one business day in advance. Please note:

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- Yellow vests will be provided and worn.
- Attendees should wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes.
- Photography is mostly restricted. Please follow directions of the tour leader.





11:35 a.m. -1:45 p.m.

Plenary Luncheon

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WELCOME: 2024 ANNUAL MEETING CO-CHAIRS

Securing Our Elections

All eyes are on the November election, and election officials are ready to run yet another safe, secure, transparent election. Threats of disinformation from nefarious actors both abroad and at home risk planting doubts among citizens. This session features election officials from three states in the Eastern region who will discuss how they have prepared for November. They will discuss civic education and the safeguards in place to make elections safe and trustworthy; the training and professionalism of poll workers; data and technology protections; voting security; and contingency planning for weather and other unforeseen events.

Moderator: Casandra Hockenberry, elections program manager, The Council of State Governments

Speakers:

- Jared DeMarinis, state administrator of elections, Maryland
- Dave Scanlan, secretary of state, New Hampshire
- Michelle Tassinari, first deputy secretary of the commonwealth, Massachusetts

1:45 – 2 p.m.

Break

2 – 5 p.m.

Off-site Policy Excursions

Please note: If you are registered for any of the three off-site tours, buses will begin boarding at 2 p.m. Buses board from the main hotel entrance on South Street.

1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOUR OF BALTIMORE CITY

Tour Leader: Scott Davis, chief of staff, Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development

Join the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development for a bus tour of recent housing developments and initiatives throughout the city. Senior leadership will offer insights along the way, discussing affordable housing, redevelopment strategies, sustainable housing, homeowner retention, investment focus areas, and much more. Drive to Sojourner Place, a nearby community development zone and get off the bus for a tour of permanent supportive housing (25 minutes). Continue driving past an impact investment zone to see the transformation of vacant properties into a new city park (10 minutes). Then drive through the 4x4 neighborhood to learn about this Middle Neighborhood Initiative until arriving to tour Tivoly Eco Village, where 79 neighborhood homes will produce net-zero emissions (15 minutes). Next, drive through the Greenmount West Neighborhood to observe a whole block redevelopment concept and continue to St. Francis Field. Here, stay on the bus for a brief explanation of this impact investment area (5 minutes). Get off the bus at the final stop for a tour of the Ruby, a redevelopment site of former public housing high rises demolished in 1995 (25 minutes). Afterwards, board the bus and return to the conference hotel.

Meeting Agenda

3. HEALTH POLICY

Maryland EF

These two sessions will explore state level innovations to address increasingly complex issues in the organization, delivery, and financing of healthcare.

Part I: Restructuring state health care financing: single payer and other innovations

States are seeking ways to reorganize the complicated health care financing system, with some states exploring the viability of single payer approaches. This session will provide a brief overview of health care financing approaches such as Maryland's global hospital budgeting system and Massachusetts' mandated health insurance law. Participants will also explore past and present efforts to develop single-payer and other financing reform efforts.

Speakers:

- John E. McDonough, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Robin J. Lunge, Vermont Green Mountain Care Board
- Senator Gustavo Rivera, New York; chair, CSG East Health Committee

Part II: Health care market consolidation: state oversight

Increases in health care service consolidation in many states have state governments assessing the impact of horizontal and vertical consolidation on access, cost, and quality. This session will explore models for state market oversight and hear from state officials about transparency, facility fees, modification of certificate of need programs, and the roles of attorneys general and other policy makers.

Moderator: Jeanette Ortiz, Esq. Deputy Director, Maryland Government Affairs, Johns Hopkins University and Medicine.

Speakers:

- Laura Herrera Scott, Secretary of Health, Maryland
- John E. McDonough, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Assemblyman Sterley Stanley, New Jersey

11:15 – 11:35 a.m.

Break



Second stop: Boordy Vineyards, Hydes, Maryland

We will visit Boordy Vineyards where the wines were first bonded in 1945. Since 1980, the Deford family have been growing grapes on the same land to craft fine, award-winning wines in Maryland.

5 – 6 p.m.

ELA and Toll Fellows Reception

Watertable A

6 – 7 p.m.

2025 Rhode Island Reception

Baltimore Ballroom

7 p.m.

Dinner on your own

9:30 – 11:30 p.m.

SGAC reception

Watertable A

Tuesday, July 30

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

General Breakfast

Maryland CD

Open to all attendees and guests.

8:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Concurrent Policy Sessions

1. JOINT SESSION: ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION

Maryland AB

The future of sustainability in Eastern states will ultimately be shaped by two of the region's most important sectors: energy and transportation. In particular, renewable energy and electric vehicles will be crucial for states seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, combat climate change, improve air quality, grow the economy, and achieve energy independence. In this policy session, we will first hear from regional policymakers and experts about the recent challenges confronting the offshore wind industry, including rising costs, grid capacity, and supply-chain bottlenecks, and how new financing and economic development policy approaches can be used to mitigate those challenges.

Speakers:

- Delegate Lorig Charkoudian, Maryland
- Michael McHale, business manager, IBEW Local 24

- Evan Vaughan, executive director, Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition (MAREC)
- Dwarakesh Nallan, head of transmission and interconnection, Equinor

Next, three panelists will address how the expansion of the electric vehicle market is poised to place additional strain on our region's electrical grid, with sales of fully electric vehicles growing faster than gasoline-car sales, and how significant investments in EV infrastructure will be required. Our panelists will identify these challenges and discuss efforts to overcome them.

Moderator: Representative Patrick Brennan, Vermont; chair, CSG East Transportation Policy

Speakers:

- Alan R. Collins, professor emeritus, School of Natural Resources, West Virginia University
- Natasha Fackler, infrastructure implementation coordinator Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- William Marshall, freight program manager, Electrification Coalition

2. COUNCIL ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR: How do states address K-12 disparities impacting Black, Brown, and Indigenous students the most?

Baltimore Ballroom

This session will feature a conversation on the current state of K-12 education, with an initial description of how various gaps and disparities are hitting Black, Brown and Indigenous students the hardest, particularly in states with large urban populations. Marginalized communities are facing historic drops in math, reading, and history scores. School bullying has increased 54 percent in just four years. Homeschooling is now the fastest growing educational sector in America, as enrollment drops in public schools and stays flat for private schools. Tectonic shifts are taking place as demographics rapidly change. Parents, students, and communities face uncertainty over book bans, the removal of cultural history curriculum from the classroom, and the end of affirmative action. What should states be doing? How exactly and where exactly do they intervene? Because education can be such a contentious issue, where do legislators find common ground?

Speakers:

- Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross, Maine
- Delegate Stephanie Smith, Maryland
- Glenda Prime, professor of education and dean, School of Education and Urban Studies, Morgan State University
- Waquin Preston, tribal state policy manager, National Indian Education Association

Meeting Agenda

Panelists:

- Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins, Maryland; vice chair, Ways and Means Committee
- Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal, New York; chair, Committee on Housing
- Carl Gershenson, director, Eviction Lab at Princeton University
- Mari Castaldi, director of state housing policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

2:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Off-site Policy Excursions

Buses board from the South Street entrance.

1. SPARROWS POINT STEEL/WIND ENERGY TOUR

Once the site of Bethlehem Steel, the largest steel production facility in the world, Sparrows Point Steel is now the proposed site of a long-term monopile production facility established by U.S. Wind. The site will see the creation of world-class offshore wind industrial facilities, becoming the best offshore wind heavy logistics and fabrication yard on the East Coast, and producing the monopile foundations and other steel components needed for U.S. Wind's first two Maryland offshore wind projects, MarWin and Momentum Wind. Participants will tour the site along the waterfront along with the facilities that will house Sparrows Point Steel's roll-bending, welding, painting, and coating operations.

- This tour is 45 minutes long and will span 1.5 miles over compacted dirt and uneven terrain.
- Conditions could be hot, dusty, and windy. Please take this into consideration.
- PPE is required:
 - Heavier footwear is encouraged; sneakers acceptable; no sandals are permitted.
 - Some steel-toed shoes are available but are limited in size and number.
 - Hard hats will be provided and must be worn.
- A signed waiver is required.

2. PORT OF BALTIMORE TOUR

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3. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS TOUR of Gotham Greens Farm and Boordy Vineyards with Kevin Atticks, secretary of agriculture, Maryland

First Stop: Gotham Greens at Sparrows Point

From an old steel mill to a new sustainable farm, Gotham Greens' Baltimore greenhouse officially opened this year. The 100,000 square-foot greenhouse is built within the footprint of the former Bethlehem Steel Mill located in Sparrows Point. This new indoor hydroponic farm produces 6 million heads of butter lettuce, romaine, basil, and other leafy crops each year.

Registrants for the Gotham Greens tour must:

- Register in advance and sign a confidentiality agreement.
- Wear hairnets and beard nets during parts of the tour.
- Leave jewelry at the hotel. Jewelry shall be confined to a plain wedding band (no earrings, necklaces, or stones).
- Remove all items from shirt pockets before entering the facility.
- Disclose whether they have come from other gardens, farms or greenhouses within the past week.

Please note: Any visitor with boils, sores, infected wounds or exhibiting signs of foodborne illness is not permitted to enter the facility.

Presenters:

- Alyson Klein, assistant editor, Education Week
- Ethan Pollack, senior director, Jobs for the Future

Panelists:

- Senator Katie Fry Hester, Maryland
- Senator James Maroney, Connecticut
- Alyson Klein, assistant editor, Education Week
- Ethan Pollack, senior director, Jobs for the Future

2. HOUSING POLICY

Maryland EF

Solutions to the affordable housing crisis require engagement at the intersection of multiple policy areas and among a diverse range of stakeholders. Join state policy leaders and housing experts for a discussion of the dynamic policies and strategies aimed at increasing access to affordable housing while protecting against displacement.

Climate-friendly conversions and sustainable housing development

States are grappling with a wave of regulatory reforms related to climate change during a period of record-high housing costs and post-pandemic recovery. Converting empty office buildings into housing is being considered as one solution amid pressure to revitalize downtown areas. Stakeholders including legislators, developers, and financiers are seeking more innovative ways to build and preserve affordable housing while considering the current economic conditions and with deference towards environmental responsibility.

This panel outlines efforts to address the dual challenges of housing affordability and climate change through adaptive reuse, zoning

reforms, solar energy, and the electrification of new construction. Learn more about first-in-the-nation legislation, the nation's first green bank, and award-winning sustainable development.

Moderator: Representative Valli Geiger, Maine

Panelists:

- Senator Brian Kavanagh, New York; chair, Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development
- Mark Ginsberg, partner, Curtis + Ginsberg Architects
- Katie Shelton, senior manager, market engagement, Connecticut Green Bank

Preventing homelessness with rental assistance and eviction diversion

Rental assistance was a critical safety net for millions of people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many states and localities created emergency programs, which have now closed as federal funding has ended. Facing rising levels of homelessness and a shortage of affordable housing, states are exploring ways to increase the effectiveness of eviction diversion by creating or expanding statewide rental assistance programs and other tenant protections.

Researchers on this panel will examine the costs of eviction, what states can learn from pandemic-era programs, and the revenue streams states can use to fund rental assistance. State legislators will discuss innovative policies, such as the right to counsel and good cause eviction, to reduce eviction filings and displacement.

Moderator: Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Delaware; chair, Committee on Housing and Land Use



Meeting Agenda

11:35 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Plenary Luncheon: Sustaining Democracy through Community and Civic Engagement

Maryland Ballroom CD

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2024 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs: Senate President Bill Ferguson and Speaker Adrienne Jones

OPENING CEREMONY

Presentation of Colors, Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) Color Guard

National Anthems,

- Jeremiah Washington, member, Morgan State University Choir, vocalist
- Dr. Eric Conway, director, Morgan State University Choir, accompanist

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Geoffrey Canada, educator, author, and activist; president, Harlem Children's Zone

FIRESIDE CHAT: GEOFFREY CANADA AND GOVERNOR WES MOORE

Following Mr. Canada's talk, he will be joined on stage by Maryland Governor Wes Moore in a fireside chat to discuss service and community. Moore has prioritized service as a hallmark of his administration by creating the Maryland Department of Service and Civic Innovation early in his first term. They will discuss how HCZ and the state of Maryland seek to create opportunities so children and families can thrive in all areas of life.

2 – 2:15 p.m.

Break

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2:15 – 3:05 p.m.

Private Sector Learning Lab

Baltimore Ballroom

Legislating Fintech: Earned Wage Access Solutions and the Industry's Impact on Consumer Financial Health

Earned wage access (EWA) is an innovative financial technology used by millions of employees in all 50 states that is gaining rapid acceptance amongst both private and public sector employers. In this session, you will hear from the stakeholders who are at the forefront of examining and regulating the future of this important financial service. They will share insights on this cutting technology and how it



works, as well as the current state and future trajectory of legislation governing EWA as its own financial product.

Panelists:

- Phil Goldfeder, CEO and president, American Fintech Council (Moderator)
- Elyse Hicks, government affairs manager, east coast major markets, DailyPay, Inc.
- Delegate Adrian A. Boafu, Maryland
- Angela Fontes, vice president, policy and research, Financial Health Network

2:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Policy Sessions

1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EDUCATION/WORKFORCE POLICY

Navigating the Future of How We Learn and Work: The impact of artificial intelligence in education and workforce

Maryland AB

Many students and workers have already been exposed to artificial intelligence. As it continues to expand and enhance its capabilities, it will also likely continue to grow in places of learning and work. This rapid expansion brings concerns, but with those comes potential. Yet the question remains of how AI will impact education and the workforce in years to come.

This session will begin with expert presentations outlining the state of artificial intelligence in education and the workforce and provide policymakers with key insights into trends and research. After the presentation, the presenters will join a panel with policymakers to discuss the state of AI and its impact on the future of how we learn and work.

areas to support transit-oriented communities and determine the type of planning efforts needed to foster them.

Moderator: Representative Patrick Brennan, Vermont; chair, CSG East Transportation Policy Committee

Speakers:

- April McLean-McCoy, Federal Transit Administration, Office of Planning and Environment, Program Manager/Community Planner, Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning
- Marcel Negret, senior planner, Regional Plan Association (RPA) New York Metropolitan Area
- David Zaidain, chief, real estate and transit oriented development, Maryland Department of Transportation

Missing middle housing for walkable communities

For many people, the rising cost of housing diminishes their ability to pay for other necessities, such as food and transportation. Policies that address housing and transportation together have the potential to alleviate some of these cost burdens. Midsize housing types, such as townhomes or rowhouses, typically between two to six stories tall, are familiar throughout the eastern region, but their rates of new production have declined in recent decades in favor of single-family homes and larger multifamily apartment buildings. This “missing middle” housing is receiving renewed attention as a strategy for increasing the supply of affordable housing, particularly in mixed-use neighborhoods and with added density in areas closest to transportation hubs.

This session provides a survey of recent legislation promoting transit-oriented development and missing middle housing with a spotlight on robust programs and efforts in the northeast region, along with a discussion of various zoning reforms and the future of housing development.

Moderator: Senator Troy Singleton, New Jersey; chair, Committee on Community and Urban Affairs

Panelists:

- Representative Eleni Kavros DeGraw, Connecticut; chair, Committee on Planning and Development
- Edward Augustus, Massachusetts; secretary, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities
- Samar Jha, government affairs director, AARP

3. COUNCIL ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR: CLIMATE CRISIS RESPONSE IN BIPOC COMMUNITIES

Baltimore Ballroom

This discussion will explore how states can focus on the needs of especially vulnerable Black and Brown constituencies that are the most disproportionately impacted by rising heat-stress, worsening air quality, increased flood devastation, and food-to-housing insecurity aggravated by climate crisis. This discussion will also center attention on how those communities are able to access and benefit from incoming IRA and other climate-focused dollars. Finally: a look at use of federal Justice40 and newer climate-focused “Community Change Grants.” How do legislators leverage a complex array of available resources to best serve communities in need?



Speakers:

- Representative Chris Rabb, Pennsylvania
- Representative Geraldo Reyes, Connecticut
- Zulene Mayfield, Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living
- Reverend Jon Robinson, president and CEO, Building Up Our Youth Foundation
- Greg Kats, founder and CEO, Smart Surfaces Coalition
- Reverend William H. Lamar IV, senior pastor, Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D.C.

11:15 – 11:35 a.m.

Break

Meeting Agenda

6:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Opening Dinner at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture

830 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore

Welcome: The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland

Monday, July 29

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

General Breakfast

Maryland CD

Open to all attendees and guests.

8:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Concurrent Policy Sessions

1. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS:

What makes the difference between vibrant rural communities and dying rural towns?

Maryland AB

Panelists will compare and contrast towns around the region and investigate what makes some communities thrive and others struggle.

Presiding:

- Senator Brian Pettyjohn, Delaware; co-chair, CSG East Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
- Senator Judy Schwank, Pennsylvania; co-chair, CSG East Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

Panelists:

- Basil Gooden, under secretary for rural development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Becky McCray, Save Your Town
- Ivy Wells, director, city of Berlin, Maryland

2. JOINT HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY: The Intersection of Transportation and Housing Policies

Maryland EF

Housing and transportation take up approximately half of an average household's budget. These escalating costs largely reflect aspects of the built environment, like population density and land use patterns. This session will examine the comprehensive solutions being considered by states, provinces, and territories at the intersection of transportation programs and housing policy.

Transit-oriented development

Transit-oriented development (TOD) is an urban planning strategy that focuses on creating compact, mixed-use communities around public transportation hubs such as commuter rail stations, subway stations, or bus stops. The goal is to promote sustainable and walkable neighborhoods where people can easily access public transportation, reducing dependency on private vehicles and alleviating traffic congestion. TOD programs can be a key to reducing the cost of living. This session will examine TOD's role in economic growth, building healthy local communities, and pursuing a better quality of life.

During this panel, we will hear from federal and state officials working on programs in support of advancing transit-oriented development. Additionally, we will hear from the principal author of the recently released report on TOD titled, "Homes on Track - Building Thriving Communities Around Transit." This report provides an analytical framework to help identify the suitability of commuter rail station





- Jake Day, Maryland; secretary, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Jennifer Larson, director, Office of Asset Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Alexander Hermann, senior research associate, Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University

4. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Maryland F

Part I: Funding and funding alternatives

We will hear from two transportation funding experts on the current state of infrastructure investments, including a discussion of thoughtful, effective methods for raising long-term revenue and innovative new funding approaches.

Presiding: Representative Patrick Brennan, Vermont; chair, CSG East Transportation Policy Committee

Speakers:

- Carolyn Kramer Simons, senior director for state funding policy, American Road and Transportation Builders Association
- Frank J. Principe, Jr., senior vice president of government affairs and strategy, University of Maryland Global Campus; chair, Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (the TRAIN Commission)

Part II: Recovering from infrastructure disasters: I-95 Bridge in Philadelphia and the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore Harbor

During this important portion of the session, we will hear from Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation Michael Carroll, who will speak

on the state's experience and lessons learned from its successful recovery from the July 2023 I-95 highway bridge fire and collapse in Philadelphia. We will also hear from Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Executive Director Bruce Gartner on the challenges and ongoing recovery efforts stemming from the tragic Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.

Speakers:

- Michael Carroll, secretary of transportation, Pennsylvania
- Bruce Gartner, executive director, Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)

5. TERRITORIAL RELATIONS

Maryland A

Members from across the region are encouraged to engage in lively discussions addressing crucial matters impacting our counterparts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Join us as we collaborate to tackle pressing challenges and explore opportunities for support and collaboration within these vibrant communities.

5 – 6 p.m.

First-time Attendee Reception

Watertable AB

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Departures for opening dinner

Buses board from main hotel entrance on South Street

Meeting Agenda

Part II: Washington update on agriculture legislation

The second hour of the meeting will feature an update on issues of importance to our region. Among the topics of discussion will be the 2024 Farm Bill, which is estimated to be worth \$1.5 trillion; the outlook for agricultural spending for FY 2025; as well as the recent finding of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) transmission to dairy cows and humans. National initiatives of importance to our region will also be explored.

Presenter: Fran Boyd, policy consultant and Washington adviser, CSG East; senior vice president, Meyers & Associates, Washington, D.C.

2. HEALTH POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Baltimore B

States, provinces, and territories are actively pursuing strategies to improve the health and well-being of their constituents through a wide variety of policy innovations. This session is a roundtable for sharing health policy ideas and challenges. The agenda will include health care workforce, maternal child health, increasing efficiencies in the system (such as decreasing burden of preauthorization), addressing costs, and other issues brought forward by annual meeting participants. All interested in health care policy are encouraged to participate.

Presiding: Senator Gustavo Rivera, New York; chair, CSG East Health Committee

Speakers:

- Jamie Zahlaway Belsito, founder and director of policy and partnerships, Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance

- Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Maryland
- Dimple Patel, director of state public policy, Casey Family Programs
- April Ashe, executive director, Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus

3. HOUSING: THE HOUSING MARKET AND POLICY INNOVATION

Maryland B

Join for a broad discussion of housing policy led by experts and government officials whose innovations are addressing the present affordability crisis. Hear updates on the latest conditions and challenges of the housing market from Harvard's State of the Nation's Housing 2024 report, highlighting important considerations for policymakers about the housing shortage and leading causes of high housing costs. Key legislative accomplishments will be shared by state officials from both the executive and legislative branches on their work concerning affordable housing, accessory dwelling units, zoning reform, streamlining development, vacant buildings, renter protections, and more. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will outline federal programs and support available to state governments.

Open discussion will follow a moderated panel. Attendees will be invited to ask questions or share their own insights.

Moderator: Representative Kadeem Roberts, Connecticut

Panelists:

- Representative June Speakman, Rhode Island; chair, Commission on Housing Affordability



3. EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Maryland F

The meeting will begin with a presentation addressing the growing physician shortage. Advocates and state policymakers have been collaborating on new alternative pathways for experienced international medical graduates to allow them to use their training and expertise to help fill this shortage. State action in the East and around the country to implement the reforms necessary to create this pathway will be discussed.

Following the presentation, we will host a roundtable discussion. Attendees are encouraged to briefly highlight and discuss what they are working on within their respective jurisdictions around any education and workforce topics. We invite anyone speaking to present accomplishments and challenges alike.

Speaker: Mike Zimmer, senior policy adviser, World Education Services

4. ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: 2024 CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY LEGISLATION

Maryland B

This session will shed light on the growing movement among states to establish accountability for climate change and seek redress through climate superfunds and litigation. Topics will include 1) educating the public and policymakers about the local costs of coping with measurable and identifiable climate-related damages; 2) communicating legal strategies on climate change and principles of accountability; and 3) providing campaign, science and communications resources, and strategic direction for communities organizing around climate accountability.

Presiding: Senator Marc Pacheco, Massachusetts; chair, CSG East Energy and Environment Committee

Panelists:

- Gordon Levitt, senior legislative strategist, Center for Climate Integrity
- Iyla Shornstein, political director, Center for Climate Integrity

5. MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Maryland A

Join this discussion with federal officials to hear updates on their agencies' latest initiatives in support of military and veterans affairs and the impact of state-level actions. Learn how these agencies are partnering with states to achieve shared purposes. Additional topics include legislation to recognize military families as a protected class, current environmental regulatory trends across the nation, and ways to enhance the availability and awareness of benefits for military veterans and their families. Attendees will be invited to ask questions and share insights after each presentation.

Presiding: Senator Sharon Carson, New Hampshire; chair, CSG East Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Moderator: Christopher Arnold, Defense-State Liaison Office, U.S. Department of Defense

Panelists:

- Melissa Willette, New England region liaison, U.S. Department of Defense
- Amanda Sherman, regional environmental coordinator, U.S. Air Force
- Kevin Kennedy, regional environmental coordinator, U.S. Army

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Policy Committee Meetings

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1. AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Maryland E

Part I: Agriculture and Rural Affairs roundtable

This discussion is an annual meeting highlight for our members thanks to the exchange of ideas it facilitates. This session enables members from each of our states, provinces, and territories to share information on the major issues their committees faced this year, while learning from others what has worked, and what has not, in their region.

Presiding:

- Senator Brian Pettyjohn, Delaware; co-chair, CSG East Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
- Senator Judy Schwank, Pennsylvania; co-chair, CSG East Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee





Meeting Agenda

2. COUNCIL ON COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ROUNDTABLE

Baltimore B

Hour 1: A special session for BIPOC legislators: What do you want from your Council on Communities of Color? A look at the current CCC; an explanation of what it is and who it is designed for; and a discussion of how it can further support the needs of BIPOC policymakers, especially increasing populations of Black and Brown legislators in various states. What can the CCC do better, what do you want from it? How can we also use the CCC to connect with and draw ideas from policymakers in other regions? Lastly, but more importantly, we'll address the creation of new CCC issue-based advisory boards and the designation of chairs for each advisory board.

Moderator: Charles Ellison, director, CSG East Council on Communities of Color

Speakers:

- Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Maryland; vice-chair, CSG East Council on Communities of Color
- Michelle Davis and Victoria Gruber, Maryland Department of Legislative Services

Hour 2: State funding and support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (and other Minority Serving Institutions). This discussion will explore how well states are supporting and adequately funding these very critical higher education institutions which offer more than their return on investment in terms of both overall state revenue generation and economic opportunities for graduates. Most of this session will be focused on Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania — the three jurisdictions that are home to HBCUs in our region — but we invite panelists from other regions to offer insights. In addition, we'll look at how states like Delaware and Maryland are adequately matching federal funding for the very important 1890 land-grant HBCUs. Other questions we'll consider are, how do K-12 school districts partner better with state HBCUs? And how do states like Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts that do not have HBCUs facilitate partnerships with HBCUs in other states?

Speakers:

- Delegate Karen Toles, Maryland
- M.C. Brown, Ph.D., executive director, Dr. N. Joyce Payne Research Center at the Thurgood Marshall College Fund
- Denise Smith, deputy director of higher education policy, The Century Foundation
- Sara Partridge, senior policy analyst, Center for American Progress

Meeting Agenda

Saturday, July 27

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Budget Committee Meeting

Watertable A

For members of the Budget Committee only

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Watertable A

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Annual Meeting Committee Meeting

Maryland B

6 p.m.

Depart for Executive Committee Dinner

Buses board from main hotel entrance on South Street

6:15 – 9:30 p.m.

Executive Committee and Corporate Contributors Dinner at the Evergreen Museum and Library

By invitation only

Sunday, July 28

7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Breakfast

Maryland D

9:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Baltimore A

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Nominations Committee Meeting

Watertable A

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Maryland D

12:45 – 2:30 p.m.

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1. CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

Maryland E

According to the U.S. International Trade Administration, the United States and Canada enjoy the world's largest and most comprehensive trading relationship, which supports millions of jobs in each country and is worth US\$1.95 trillion. This session will look at how the CSG East region (states and provinces) fits into the overall picture and will analyze success stories as well as challenges from the federal and state/provincial levels.

Presiding:

- Assemblyman Billy Jones, New York; co-chair, Canada-U.S. Relations Committee
- MPP Laurie Scott, Ontario; co-chair, Canada-U.S. Relations Committee

Speakers:

- Sara Cohen, deputy head of mission, Embassy of Canada
- Dylan Clement, director of international policy, National Association of Manufacturers