



Governor's Commission on African Affairs
Virtual Strategic Planning Session (SPS-I) Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**
Chukwunonso (Vincent) Iweanoge, Chair, Governor's Commission on African Affairs
- II. Adoption of the Agenda:**
- III. Approval of Minutes:**
- IV. Opening Remarks:**
Chukwunonso (Vincent) Iweanoge, Chair, Governor's Commission on African Affairs
Dr. Antwan Brown – Administrative Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- V. Mission & Vision Statements:**
Create a mission and vision statement, to be posted to the commission's website page.
- VI. Standing Committees:** *(The chair of each standing committee to provide a written report on updates and discussions concerning the committee's progress since the last public commission meeting. These standing committees are open to the public and are recorded.) Need to confirm the members of each standing committee. Need to format the standing committees to this format below.*
 - a. Business/Economic Development**
 - b. Community (Arts/Culture/Faith)**
 - c. Education (Workforce Development)**
 - d. Health**
- VII. Working Groups:** *(The chair of each working group to provide a written report on updates and discussions concerning the committee's progress since the last public commission meeting. These working groups are not public meetings, and they are recorded for internal review.) This will be the time to provide status on these current events and vote on new events/projects for the current year, choose members for each working group, choose dates, and create estimate budgets.*
 - a. African Heritage Month Celebration** *(Need motion, choose date of the event, assign planning members, establish meeting dates)*
 - b. Maryland 250 Planning** – *(Need motion, choose date of the event, assign planning members, establish meeting dates)*
- IX. Bylaws Discussion:**
GOCI to go over the revised bylaws draft. Please keep in mind that his draft is aligned with the new executive order executive orders that went into effect on January 01, 2025.
- X. Adjournment:**