



Governor's Commission on African Affairs
1st Quarterly Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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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 for 11/03/25, 01/26/26 SPS I, and 02/23/26 SPS II:**
- IV. Opening Remarks:**
Chukwunonso (Vincent) Iweanoge, Chair, Governor's Commission on African Affairs
Maria Martinez – Special Secretary, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
Gregory Yancey – Chief of Staff, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- V. Mission & Vision Statements:**
Decide on a mission and vision statement, to be posted to the commission's website page.
- VI. By-laws Discussion:**
Go over any suggestions that the commission wants to submit.
- VII. Committees:** *(The chair of each committee to provide a written report on updates and discussions concerning the committee's progress since the last public commission meeting. These committees are open to the public and are recorded.)*
 - a. Business/Economic Development – Commissioner Njukang Asong**
 - b. Community (Arts/Culture/Faith) – Commissioner Fatmata Barrie**
 - c. Education (Workforce Development) – Vacant Chair**
 - d. Health – Commissioner Anyinke Atabong and Commissioner Njukang Asong**
- VIII. 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** *(Choose date of the event, assign planning members, establish meeting dates)*
 - b. Maryland 250 Planning** – *(Choose type of event, date of the event, assign planning members, establish meeting dates)*
- IX. Old/New Business**
 - a. Legislation Bill HB524 (update)**
- X. Adjournment:**