



**Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs**  
**Virtual Strategic Planning Session (SPS-I) Meeting**  
Thursday, January 22, 2026  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**  
*Luis McSween, Chair, Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs*
- II. **Opening Remarks:**  
*Luis McSween, Chair, Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs*  
*Silvia Decja – Administrative Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives*
- III. **Approval of Minutes for 12/04/25:**
- IV. **Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs 2026 Strategic Planning Discussion:**  
*Open discussion of the general direction the Moore-Miller administration and the current appointees would like the commission to go in, setting specific goals, and dialogue about strategies to achieve those goals.*
  - a. **Top Priorities Rank in "2025"**
    - ❖ *Increasing Maryland's economic competitiveness.*
    - ❖ *Ending Child Poverty in the state of Maryland*
    - ❖ *Creating a safer Maryland by interrupting violence, preventing crime, and protecting the state.*
- V. **Mission & Vision Statements:**  
*Need to come up with a mission and vision statement that can 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 assigned to each standing committee.
  - a. **Business/Economic Development**
  - b. **Community (Arts/Culture/Faith)**
  - c. **Education (Workforce Development)**
  - d. **Health**
- VII. **Subcommittees:** *(The chair of each subcommittee to provide a written report on updates and discussions concerning the subcommittee's progress since the last public commission meeting. These subcommittees meetings are open to the public and are recorded.)*

**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. Maryland Caribbean Voices Forum (Choose date for this event)*
- b. Maryland 250 Celebration (Choose a type of event, members and a date)*
- c. Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration (Need to vote on this working group and choose members and a date)*

**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:**