



***Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs***  
***Virtual Strategic Planning Session (SPS-II) Meeting***  
*Thursday, February 19, 2026*  
*6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

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**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 01/22/26:**
- IV. **Committees:** *(The chair of each committee is 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.) Need to confirm the members assigned to each committee. Committees provide dates and times for future meetings.)*
  - a. **Business/Economic Development – Chair, Commissioner Ken Alce**
  - b. **Community (Arts/Culture/Faith) – Chair, Commissioner Jemima Davis**
  - c. **Education (Workforce Development) – Chair, Commissioner Gabriel Christian**
  - d. **Health – Chair, Commissioner Dr. Melissa Buckley**
- V. **Working Groups:** *(The chair of each working group is to provide a written report on updates and discussions concerning the working group's progress since the last public commission meeting. These working groups are not open to the public and are only recorded for internal review.) This will be the time to provide status on these current events and vote on new events/projects for the year, choose members for each working group, choose dates, and create estimate budgets.*
  - a. **Maryland Caribbean Voices Forum** (updates & budget of the project)
  - b. **Maryland 250 Celebration**
    - i. **Multi-Cultural Event** *(discussion and invitation)*
    - ii. **Maryland State Archives** *(proposal submitted by Vice Chair Samantha Howard)*
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a. **Caribbean Connection Night** *(invitation from UMD – Caribbean Students Association)*
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - a. **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*
- VIII. **Adjournment:**