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## Governor’s Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs

*Virtual ZOOM  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.*

### Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:**

**Dr. Amal K. Ali, Member**  
**Alissa Deaver, Member**  
**Rabbi Dr. Susan Grossman, Member**  
**Dr. Ayesha A Gulistan, Member**  
**Mohammad Khalil, Member**  
**Mona Kishore, Chair**  
**Rafi Rone, Member**  
**Ala’a Wafa, Vice Chair**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Ammar Abdulhamid, Member**  
**Dr. Majd AlGhatrif, Member**  
**Shivaani Arya, Member**  
**Athar Bayoumi, Member**  
**Anthony Browder, Member**  
**Gunay Evinch, Member**  
**Dr. Aharona (Roni) Rosenthal, Member**

**GOCI Staff:**

- ❖ Lawrence Walker, Executive Director for GOCI
- ❖ Dr. Antwan Brown, Administrative Director for GOCI
- ❖ Cheryl Madigan – Executive Assistant for GOCI

**I. Call to Order:**

**Mona Kishore, Chair** – Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

**II. Commission Roll Call:**

**Chair Mona Kishore** called out each commissioner.

**III. Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vote
To adopt the agenda	Alaa Wafa	Alissa Deavers	8Y-0N-0A

**IV. Approval of the Minutes:**

Motion	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vote
Approval of the 04/07/25 & 5/15/25 Minutes	Alaa Wafa	Susan Grossman	8Y-0N-0A



**V. Approval of creating the MD250-Annapolis Symphony Working Group:**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Vote</b>
To create a 250-anniversary planning committee that will move on to partner with the Annapolis Symphony.	Susan Grossman	Alaa Wafa	8Y-0N-0A

**VI. Approval of having a Retreat versus an Event for October 26<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Vote</b>
To plan a Retreat “Bridges Beyond the Boardroom” versus an Event for October 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Alissa Deavers	Susan Grossman	8Y-0N-0A

**VII. Motion for Adjournment:**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Vote</b>
Adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.	Alissa Deavers	Ala’a Wafa	8Y-0N-0A