



Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
Virtual Strategic Planning Session (SPS-I) Meeting
Monday, February 2, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Procedural Reminders:**
Mona Kishore, Chair, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
- II. Opening Remarks:**
Mona Kishore, Chair, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
Dr. Antwan Brown – Administrative Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- III. Mission & Vision Statements:**
Create a mission and vision statement, to be posted to the commission's website page.
- IV. 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. Discussion on restructuring.**
- V. 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.)*
 - b. Discussion on restructuring.**
- VI. Working Groups:** *(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. Event Planning** *(Commissioner Alissa Deavers)*
 - b. Interfaith Programs** *(Commissioner Amal Ali)*
 - c. Partnerships/Focus Groups** *(Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa)*
 - d. Strategic Communication/Legislation** *(Commissioner Mohammad Khalil)*
 - e. Strategy Planning** *(Commissioner Roni Rosenthal)*
 - f. Maryland 250 Planning – Annapolis Orchestra** *(Commissioner Ammar Abdulhamid)*
- VII. Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American 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.
- VIII. Adjournment:**