# State of Maryland
# Procurement Improvement Council (PIC)
# December 10, 2024
# 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Meeting ID**
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## Agenda

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| **1. Welcome and Introductions of the PIC Members and Attendees**<br>*Wallace Sermons, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO)* | **1:00** |
| *(Members and Guests should type their name and agency/organization in the Google chat for attendance.)* | |
| **2. <u>Topics for Discussion</u>** | |
| **A. Previous Meeting Summary**<br>*Wallace Sermons, Chief Procurement Officer (CPO)* | **1:15** |
| **B. Updates from the PIC Workgroups:**<br>**a.** MBE Opportunities and Outreach Workgroup – *Chantal Kai-Lewis, Yasin Mohammed, DGS OSP*<br>**b.** Pay for Success Workgroup – *Jamie Tomaszewski, DGS OSP*<br>**c.** Risk Management Workgroup (Insurance Requirements/ Regulations/Statute Recommendations) – *Judy Urban, DGS OSP*<br>**d.** Non-profit Workgroup - *Jamie Tomaszewski, Glen Hubbard, DGS OSP* | **1:30** |
| **C. Maryland Procurement Academy Training Update**<br>*Shae Cronin, DGS OSP* | **2:00** |
| **D. Open Discussion** | **2:15** |
| **3. Closing Remarks** | **2:45** |
| **4. Adjournment** | **3:00** |

*FYI: Maryland Efficient Grant Application (MEGA) Council* ***LINK*** *– Nonprofit Organizations that are PIC members should provide updates of any grant issues that may also affect procurements for these entities.*

**PIC Members**

| PIC Member / Title | Organization or Agency | Name of Member or Designee |
|---|---|---|
| Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), Chair | Department of General Services (DGS)<br>Office of State Procurement (OSP) | Wallace Sermons II |
| State Treasurer or Designee | State Treasurer's Office | Dereck Davis /<br>Jon Martin / Cissy Blasi |
| Chancellor of USM, Designee | University System of Maryland (USM) | Thomas Hickey |
| Secretary of DoIT or Designee | Dept. of Information Technology (DoIT) | Carla Thompson |
| Secretary of Transportation, Designee – Chief of Procurement | Maryland Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) | Valerie Radomsky |
| Procurement Advisor of the Board | Board of Public Works (BPW) | Gabe Gnall |
| Special Secretary for GOSBA or Designee | Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) | Maria Martinez /<br>Nichelle Johnson |
| Secretary of Juvenile Services, Designee | Dept. of Juvenile Services (DJS) | Kara Aanenson /<br>Ronald Colbert /<br>Tiffany Johnson |
| Secretary of Human Services, Designee – Director of Procurement | Dept. of Human Services (DHS) | Nneka Willis-Gray |
| Secretary of Health, Designee – Director of Procurement | Dept. of Health (MDH) | Calvin Johnson /<br>Alison Barry |

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| State Superintendent of Schools, Designee | Maryland State Dept. of Education (MSDE) | Jenna Meinl |
| Senate Member | Maryland General Assembly | Senator Nick Charles |
| House of Delegates Member | Maryland General Assembly | Delegate Kenneth Kerr |
| The Comptroller or Designee | Office of the Comptroller | Brooke Lierman / Jasmine Clemons |
| The Attorney General or Designee | Office of the Attorney General | Anthony Brown / Zenita Hurley |
| Local Government Member with Expertise in Local Procurement Matters * | Director of the Montgomery County Office of Procurement | Avinash (Ash) Shetty Appt. Confirmed 4/7/23 *(Term 1/1/23 - 12/31/25)* |
| Social Services Member #1 * | 501(C) Solutions, Owner | Nancy Hall Appt. Confirmed *(Term 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025)* |
| Social Services Member #2 * | The National Center for Children and Families | Sheryl Brissett Chapman, Ed.D. Appt. Confirmed *(Term 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025)* |
| Veteran-Owned Business Member * | Project Opportunity, Founder | Joseph Giordano Appt. Confirmed *(Term 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025)* |
| 1. General Public Member with Expertise in State Procurement Matters ** | Dashiell Law Office | Robert Fulton Dashiell |
| 2. Minority-, Women- or Veteran-Owned Business Member ** | | Vacant |
| 3. Minority-, Women- or Veteran-Owned Business Member ** | Alaco Consulting | Ed Tay |

*Note: * Appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate;*
*** Appointed by the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly.*

## PIC Statutory Responsibilities

(1) Ensure that the State's procurement system is utilizing the most advanced procurement methods and management techniques, including policies, procedures, and forms for all procurement activity and contract management;

(2) Effect and enhance communication between State units on procurement matters, with an emphasis on disseminating information on current developments and advances in procurement methods and management;

(3) Provide a forum for the discussion of specific procurement issues and problems that arise, including:
   i. Procurement officer training;
   ii. Risk analysis and insurance requirements;
   iii. Management of *eMaryland Marketplace* and other Internet procurement resources;
   iv. Use of *eMaryland Marketplace* and compliance with State Finance and Procurement Article (SFP) §17–502;
   v. Use of intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreements;
   vi. strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in procurement contracts; and
   vii. Any other issues or problems identified by the Council;

(4) Advise the Board on problems in the procurement process and make recommendations for improvement of the process;

(5) Review existing procurement regulations to:
   i. determine whether they fulfill the intent and purpose of the law, especially as it relates to fostering broad–based competition; and
   ii. make recommendations on the regulations, if revising and restructuring them will result in easier understanding and use; and

(6) Advise the General Assembly on proposed legislation in order to enhance the efficiency and transparency of State procurement.