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Governor's Intergovernmental Commission for Agriculture

Agenda

August 28th, 2026 - 1:00 pm

In-Person Location: Maryland Department of Agriculture Headquarters

Virtual Option: Google Meet

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qrh-douv-jfb>

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- I. Welcome
 - A. Secretary Kevin Atticks, Chair
- II. Approval of June 2026 [minutes](#)
- III. MDA Updates
 - A. April Freeze
 - B. BARC Closure
 - C. Aquaculture/Seafood Marketing Workgroup
 - D. Midge
 - E. Deer Crop Damage
- IV. Committee Responsibilities and Tasks
 - A. Environment and Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - B. Agritourism and Value Added Agriculture Subcommittee
 - C. Labor, Education and Development Subcommittee
- V. Agency & Member Reports & Updates
 - A. Agritourism Definition - Maryland Department of the Environment
 - B. HR 272 Implementation - Maryland Department of Health
 - C. Heat Stress Standards - Maryland Department of Labor
- VI. New Business
 - A. Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. Adjourn

2026 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Full / Subcommittee
8/28/2026	GICA
10/1/2026	Subcommittees
12/3/2026	GICA

GICA Appointed Membership

Voting Member, Seat Name	Appointee
1. Maryland Agricultural Commission	Amy Crone
2. Public Member	Susanne Richards
3. MD Assn. of Counties	Stephanie Jones
4. MD Municipal League	Angelica Bailey
5. MD Assn. of County Health Officers	Joshua Parker
6. MD Assn. of County Planning Officers	Jenny Dempsey
7. Maryland Farm Bureau	JoAnn Chason
8. Rural Maryland Council	Kelsey Keadle
9. Public Member	Heather Bruskin
10. Public Member	Vacant
11. Public Member	Katie Stevens
12. Public Member	Ashley Drakeford
13. MARBIDCO	Steve McHenry
14. Public Member	Megan Todd, Esq.
15. Public Member	Alice Chalmers
16. Public Member	Nancy Nunn
17. Public Member	Jessica Richards
18. Public Member	Kelly Dudeck
19. Secretary of Agriculture	Kevin Atticks, Chair

Advisory Agencies

Non-Voting, Member Entity	Secretary	Designee
Department of Planning	Rebecca Flora	Debbie Herr Cornwell
Department of Health	Dr. Meena Seshamani	Dr. Meg Sullivan
Department of Natural Resources	Josh Kurtz	Paul Peditto
Department of the Environment	Serena McIlwain	Suzanne Dorsey
Department of Commerce	Harry Coker	Joe Milone
UMD College of AGNR	Dean Wendy Powers	Dr. Darren Jarboe
UMES School of Ag & Natural Sciences	Dean Moises Kairo	Dr. Prem Bhandari
UMCES	Dr. Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm	Dave Nemazie
Maryland State Department of Education	Dr. Carey Wright	Julie Fletcher Richard Kincaid
Department of Aging	Carmel Roques	Latanya Clark
Department of Human Services	Stacy Rodgers (Acting)	Eugenia Gusev
Maryland Energy Administration	Kelly Speakes-Bachman	Garry Aime
Department of Emergency Management	Russ Strickland	Anna Sierra
Department of Labor	Portia Wu	Stacey Jefferson