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**Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture
Value Added Agriculture and Agritourism Subcommittee
Agenda**

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 11am

Location: 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Google Meet Link*: meet.google.com/zdv-rnmi-jmb

- I. Welcome
 - A. Allie Cavanagh, Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, MDA
- II. Approval of September 2025 [minutes](#)
- III. Statewide Guidance & Analysis Document for VAA; Project Update (MDA)
- IV. Committee Discussion & Updates
 - A. HB 272 of 2026
- V. New Business
 - A. State Department of Assessment and Taxation - Agricultural Assessment Discussion (Director Bob Yeager, Christine Duma)
- VI. Old Business
 - A. On-Farm Food Service (MDH)
 - B. Stormwater Management Regulations (MDE)
 - C. Parking Areas - Agritourism (MDE)
- VII. Adjourn

2026 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Full / Subcommittee
6/11/2026	GICA
7/16/2026	Subcommittees
8/6/2026	GICA
10/1/2026	Subcommittees
12/3/2026	GICA

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2. Public Member	Susanne Richards
3. MD Assn. of Counties	Stephanie Ida 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	Vacant
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

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