

AGENDA

MHIB March 10th Board Meeting: Virtual Only (Google Meets)

Tuesday, March 10 · 10:00am – 12:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nxf-ddvn-cbh>

Or dial: (US) +1 314-474-2062 PIN: 221 082 656#

- I. **Meeting to Start:** Call to Order Sheila Curry, Chair
- II. **Introductions** Roll call of attendees by Anne Litz
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Jan 2026
- IV. **Welcome of New Board member:** Oliver Kennedy, Licensed Stables
- V. **Welcome of New Industry Hire:** Eleanor Albert - MHBA
- VI. **State Resources:** Department of Commerce - Judy L. Smith Chief Strategy Officer
- VII. **International Reports:**
 - a. **Delegation from Tipperary County, Ireland:** Stone Slade MDA, Alexandira Liu & Rosanna Mantova, Secretary of State
 - b. **EU Delegation Maryland Horse Tour** – Anne Litz/ Marco Castellina - Health and Food Safety Councilor, European Union Delegation to the United States
- VIII. **COMMITTEE UPDATES & DISCUSSION – Executive Director Reports**
 - a. **Stable Licensing Update:**
 - i. Plans for Unlicensed Stables
 - ii. OneStop, Salesforce & Communications
Stable Inspectors: Peggy Morgan & Ellen James
 1. Report of New Stables
 2. Any Issues with current inspections
 - iii. Question or concerns to our inspectors
 - b. **Upcoming Meeting Schedule 2026:**
 - i. **April 21st– Virtual, May – Laurel Preakness, June - In Person DTBD, July -Virtual, August 27th Maryland State Fair, Sept TDB, October – In Person, November – Virtual**
 - ii. **Location Suggestions**
 - c. **Legislative Updates** – Cassie Shirk
 - d. **Horse Industry Strategic Plan** – Chris Merz/Anne Litz
 - e. **MSA Pimlico Plan Updates** – Chris Merz, Executive Director MRC
 - f. **Maryland Horse Career Program** – June 1st-June 5th: Jennifer Reynolds & Eleanor Alberts
 - g. **HOW** – Horse Outreach Workgroup
 - h. **Nutrient Management Update**
 - i. **Touch of Class Awards**
 - j. **Horse Discovery Center Report**
 - k. **MD Horse Park System:** Marriner Update, Hire of WOW, –Add your events! –
 - i. **Prince Georges Equestrian Center**
 - ii. **Fair Hill and Fair Hill Special Events Zone**
 - iii. **Maryland Horse Library Education Center**
 - iv. **Pimlico Race Course**
 - l. **MDA/MHIB Website Updates**

IX. Committees: Setting the Focus & Assignments

- a. Budget Review June/July 2026
- b. Health Advisory Committee
- c. Grants – Review July, meeting Dec 2026
- d. Equine Welfare
- e. Strategic Planning Oct 2025-June 2026, Report Sept 2026
- f. Marketing/Horse Pak System
- g. Horse Discovery Centers
- h. Horseland
- i. Western Riding
- j. Sport Horse Committee
- k. HOW (Horse Outreach Workshop)

X. Upcoming Outreach & Sponsorships

- a. **Horse World Expo with Horseland** Mar 5th-8th
- b. **RMC Maryland Day:** Wednesday March 25, 11am-1pm Lawyer's Mall Annapolis
- c. **Southern Maryland Equine Conference.** Friday, Mar 13th 9:00am – 3:00pm
- d. **Maryland Thoroughbred Industry Renaissance Awards Luncheon** Sun. Mar. 22nd 11:30
- e. **The Art & Science of Saddle Functionality & Fitting** April 16th at MHLEC
- f. **Equine Nutrient Management: April 23rd**
- g. **Horse Farm Preakness Week Tour:** MHBA lead tour May 10th 11am-3pm
- h. **Maryland Horse Career Program –** June 1st-June 5th

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Introductions from Industry Sector Board Members:

Standardbred Sector _____
Licensed Stables _____
Humane Societies _____
MD Dept. of Agriculture _____
Equine Academic Community _____
Trade & Support Industries _____
Trails & Recreational Riding _____
Licensed Veterinarians _____
Thoroughbred Sector _____
Organized Shows & Events _____
At Large _____
MD Horse Council _____

Lisa Watts
Oliver Kennedy
Erin Ochoa
Cassie Shirk
Dr. Amy Burk
Connie Sawyer
Jennifer Sulin
Dr. Kathleen Anderson
Jenile Tapscot
Sheila Curry
Genevieve H.R. Macfarlane
Carolyn Mackintosh

PUBLIC COMMENT

I. ADJOURNMENT