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State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)

AGENDA (Hybrid)*

November 20, 2025

9:30 AM – 11:30 PM

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

Join by computer <https://meet.google.com/ttr-nkas-yqj>

Join by phone **352-503-8958 PIN 815 189 797#**

9:30 AM

OPEN MEETING → Call to Order

- Roll Call of SSCC Members → Interested parties please write name and affiliation in CHAT
- Review and approval of October minutes

9:35 AM

SSCC Admin (~10 min)

- Dec 18 All-Day 2026 Workplan meeting @ MD Farm Bureau (Davidsonville, MD)
In-person only
- Update: MDA definition of agriculture (led by MD Agricultural Commission)

Pending Appointments

District	Affiliation	Term Expiration	Applications Received (as of 11/18/2025)	SSCC Review
Dorchester	At-Large	5/15/25	2	Closed Session TODAY
Calvert	Farm Bureau	10/17/25	2	TBD
Baltimore County	At-Large	10/17/25	2	VOTE TODAY
Harford	At-Large	10/17/25	2	VOTE TODAY
Garrett	At-Large	10/20/25	2	VOTE- DEC
Carroll	At-Large	11/08/25	2	VOTE TODAY
Allegany	At-Large	11/17/25	3	Closed Session DEC
Queen Anne's	At-Large	2/7/26	0	TBD
Caroline	At-Large	2/10/26	0	TBD
Washington County	At-Large	2/12/26	0	TBD
Montgomery	At-Large	3/01/26	0	TBD
St. Mary's	At-Large	3/30/26	0	TBD

9:45 AM

Quick Review (~5 min)

District Board Officer Elections and Attendance Requirements

9:50 AM

Member Reports (~60 min)

Area 1: Western - Diane Flickinger

Area 2: Southern – Amy Posey

Area 3: Upper Shore – Steve Freeman

Area 4: Central – Van Funk

Area 5: Lower Shore – Anne-Meredith Webster

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Department of Agriculture
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Environment
University of Maryland / Extension
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Farm Services Agency
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts
MD Agricultural Commission

10:50 AM **CLOSED MEETING of SSCC membership (interested parties dismissed)**

- Discussion of supervisor appointment
- Discussion of administrative matters dealing with the operations of SSCC

PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT") UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)

Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: November 20, 2025 ; Time: _____; Location: MDA Headquarters, Annapolis, MD;

Motion to close meeting made by: _____ Seconded by _____;

Members in favor: _____; Opposed: _____; Abstaining:

_____ ; Absent: _____.

Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).

This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) x "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals";

For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (1)	Applicants for Soil Conservation District Board Supervisor	Public discussion of applicant names and job info could discourage people from applying for supervisor positions.

This statement is made by Van Funk, Presiding Officer.

12:00 PM **Adjourn (from closed session)**

NEXT MEETING: December 18, 2025 - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM (in-person only)

LOCATION: MD Farm Bureau, 3358 Davidsonville Rd, Davidsonville, MD 21035