

BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MEETING MINUTES January 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Steuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive, Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Honorable Brandon Scott, Baltimore City Mayor Vice Chair, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Honorable Katherine Klausmeier, Baltimore County Executive
Honorable Ed Rothstein, Carroll County Commissioner
Honorable Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive
Honorable James J. Moran, Queen Anne County Commissioner
Mark Anthony Thomas, President and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Robert Cassilly, Harford County Executive Honorable William C. Ferguson, Maryland State Senator, Baltimore City, District 46 Honorable Dana M. Stein, Maryland State Delegate, Baltimore County, District 11B

KEY BMC STAFF PRESENT

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director Todd Lang, Director of Transportation Laura Halter, Director of Policy Regina Aris, Assistant Director of Transportation

BMC Chair, Honorable Queen Anne County Commissioner James Moran called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of 2025.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Incoming Vice Chair

BMC Chair Commissioner James Moran asked for approval of the Vice Chair nominee, Baltimore City Mayor, Brandon Scott. Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman, motioned to approve the nomination and Howard County Executive Calvin Ball seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the nomination of Baltimore City Mayor Brandon Scott as the board's Vice Chair.

2. Approval of Incoming Chair

BMC Chair Commissioner James Moran asked for approval of board chair nominee, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman. County Executive Calvin Ball motioned to approve the nomination and Carroll County Commissioner Ed Rothstein seconded the motion. The

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board unanimously approved the nomination of Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman as the board's Chair.

3. Welcoming of Baltimore County Executive Katherine Klausmeier

BMC Executive Director Michael Kelly welcomed Baltimore County Executive Katherine Klausmeier as our newest board member

4. Approval of April 19, 2024 meeting minutes

BMC Executive Director Michael Kelly made a request for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Queen Anne County Commissioner James Moran motioned to approve and Howard County Executive Calvin Ball seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes from the April 19, 2024 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report on BMC 2024 Audit

Executive Director Michael Kelly presented th BMC 2024 Audit. In lieu of a presentation to the board, our auditors made a presentation to the Chief Administrative Officers of Queen Anne's County and Anne Arundel County as our chair and vice chair. That presentation was made in December, and the audit was signed and submitted. There were no audit findings, no material weaknesses, the auditor reported, receiving full cooperation from management, and there are no instances of fraud.

FY24 BRCPC Energy Savings

For BMC the amount of time we spend on BRCPC is not the not the biggest thing we do, but in terms of saving to our members is probably the most important thing that we do. Last year our Energy Board saved our members 29.2 million dollars based on BGE standard offer rate. That is the 3rd highest number. Our consultants are telling us that, based on some of the changes we're seeing in energy pricing, we should not expect savings at this level. They're not as hopeful for as high a saving, but it's still going to represent savings for the region.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

Executive Director Kelly shared information on our comprehensive climate action plan. We released a preliminary plan last spring. This spring we are going to finalize our greenhouse gas inventory, which is a record of where pollutants are coming from in each of our jurisdictions. We are starting a training program for local jurisdictions this summer, and then the final report will be next December.

2025 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The other big project BMC has coming out is our Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing report. This is a regularly updated report that every HUD entitlement jurisdiction has to do so. The regional AI is going to be released for comment in January. The final report will be done in March.

The Pulse 2025

This year we are moving the results of our pulse survey. We did a release event this fall for our inaugural survey. We're going to permanently move this survey to the spring, and release our results at the April board meeting. We can then track results year over year to see where public opinion is shifting on the issues.



Chesapeake Connect 2025

Michael Kelly will be working with Board Chair Pittman on the Chesapeake Connect trip for 2025. We are keeping the same time frame, Tuesday to Thursday after Columbus Day. We will be announcing a reunion event to be held on March 11th at The Baltimore Aquarium

BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION

BMC Board Chair, County Executive Steuart Pittman introduced Jon, Laria, Chair of the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission. Mr. Laria went over the findings from the recently received consultant report.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chair Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman entertained the motion to adjourn. All members approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael B. Kelly, Executive Director