

Maryland Green Purchasing Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 14th, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

Virtually Held

Purpose: Quarterly Meeting of the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee (GPC)

Attendees:

<u>GPC Membership</u>			
Victoria Nellis, DGS (Chair)	Present	Theresa Bees, DNR	Present
Sam Linton, DGS (Staff)	Present	Lynna Atkins, DPSCS	Present
Joseph Consoli, DBM		Cissy Blasi, Treasurer's Office	Present
Rachel Cruse, Commerce		Eddie Lukemire, MDOT	Present
Jeremy Wilson, MSDE	Present	Tom Hickey, USM	Present
Acacia Lang, MDE		Dionne Washington, MDH	Present
June Dwyer, MDE		Carla Thompson, DoIT	Present

Other Participants

Aaron Peterson, MDOA	Jessica Knott, DGS	Pam Malech, Judiciary
Arhea Lazzelle, BISM	Jaunita Gray, MDOT	Patricia Watson, TU
Bill Poole	Julissa Marciano, DGS	Paul Dickman, DHCD
Brandford Quartey, DGS	Katie Teague, MDOT SHA	Sabrina Fields, MDH
Carlesia Byrd-Evans, DGS	Keon Pompey, DJS	Scott Versteegh, UMD
Cindy Osorto, MDE	Kim Pezza, Comptroller	Shania Peacock, MDOT
Danielle Adams, SDAT	Kimberly McAllister, DGS	Shirlita Lee, MHEC
David Hollens, MDOT TSO	Maria Cazabon, DHS	Tina Quinichette, MDOT
Dyvor Gibson, Commerce	Marsha Rowe, Judiciary	Troy Davis, MDTA
Elizabeth Main, UMB	Michael Keegan, MDOT MPA	Vom Faß
Emmanuel Smith, DGS	Nakia Howell, MDH	Yasin Mohammed, DGS
Erica Stuckey, DJS	Nikki Trasmonte, MDOT	Yolanda Waugh, DHS

Minutes:

I. Welcome

- Vicki Nellis thanked all the attendees to the quarterly Green Purchasing Committee meeting and reviewed the agenda. She informed attendees that this meeting will be recorded.

II. Presentation: MDOT, David Hollens and Nikki Trasmonte

- David Hollens gave a presentation on MDOT's recent waste reduction activities. Some of the current projects they are working on include energy efficient lighting, recycling and reuse, composting, and sustainable landscaping. These projects stem from the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022, and currently in the process of implementing Build Energy Performance Standards (BEPS). David continues to give the details of each project MDOT is implementing, along with its potential impact on the agency.

- *Watch David's presentation [here](#) (3:02 - 45:00)*

- Nikki Trasmonte gave an introduction of the MDOT Commuter Choice Program. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of cars commuting, thus decreasing traffic in the Baltimore area. Commuting benefits are being offered for state employees like ridesharing, CommuterCash, and transit incentives. There is also a free Employer Partner Program to learn more about the commuting alternatives.

- *Watch Nikki's presentation [here](#) (46:38 - 51:43)*

III. GPC Business & Activities Update - provided by Vicki Nellis.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - The GPC meeting minutes for November were motioned to approve by Thomas Hickey with the Department of Health. Theresa Bees with the Department of Natural Resources seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were approved.
- GPC Activities Update
 - Advancing Procurement Webinar May 14th - a webinar hosted by Sustainable Procurement Leadership Council (SPLC) and NIGP Institute for Public Procurement featured MD Procurement Academy and the GPC training. The presentation highlighted the success of the Green Purchasing Specialization Course that the GPC offers for procurement professionals.
 - Maryland Recycling Network Conference June 9th - The panel session was on green purchasing best practices, highlighting the efforts of the State.
 - TurboHaul Mattress Recycling Facility July 23rd - A field trip to their mattress recycling facility. Attendees learned about the process of disassembling used mattresses into a reusable material. Their goal is to keep mattresses out of the landfill and reduce waste.
- Upcoming Trainings and Events

- Green Purchasing Specialization - The next cohort will start in September 2025. The waitlist is almost full and the GPC is considering having this course again early in 2026.
 - *Sign up [here](#)*
- Poplar Island Tour August 19th.
 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
 - Learn about the use of dredged materials and native landscaping on Poplar Island.
- Green Janitorial Services Specification Training August 26th
 - 2:00pm - 3:30pm
 - Virtual workshop designed to go over the requirements listed in the Janitorial Services specification.
 - *Link to register [here](#)*
- Green Procurement Card Training October 1st
 - 10:00am - 11:00am
 - Virtual training to discuss green purchasing requirements and ways to implement them while using the procurement card.
 - *Link to register [here](#)*
- Green Office Supplies Specification Training November 20th
 - 2:00pm - 3:30pm
 - Virtual training designed to go over the requirements listed in the current Office Supplies specification.
 - *Link to register coming soon.*
- Introduction to Green Purchasing
 - 10:00am - 11:00am
 - Webinar that covers the what and why of green purchasing, to include applicable requirements, legislation, resources, and best practices.
 - *Link to register [here](#)*

IV. Specifications - provided by Sam Linton

- The GPC has 3 specifications in draft form. These drafts will be sent to the GPC attendees for feedback prior to the next quarterly meeting in November.
- HVAC (update)
 - Including legislation with the most up to date language.
 - Refrigerant prohibitions.
 - Minimum requirements about Boilers to align with MD Zero-Emission Heating Equipment Standard.
 - Expanding refrigerant collection to all refrigerants.
 - Removing 2018 IECC tables and adding 2024 IECC tables.

- Flooring (update)
 - Expanded ecolabel requirements.
 - Added section for VOC specific ecolabel.
 - Expanded list of prohibited components.
- Outdoor Furniture (new)
 - Categories
 - Playground Equipment
 - Picnic Tables (wood based and non-wood based)
 - Park Benches (wood based and non-wood based)
 - Requirements
 - Prohibited components/chemicals.
 - Required recycled content by material type.
 - Relevant legislation included

V. Reporting Update

- Q4 for the Fiscal Year of 2025 was due August 15th. Final due date to have all 4 quarters submitted is September 1st.
- So far, 35 agencies have complied with reporting requirements, and 20 of those reports contain green products!
- Here is the list of agencies that have reported.

Board of Public Works
Bowie State University
Comptroller of Maryland
Coppin State University
Department of Aging
Department of Agriculture
Department of Budget and Management
Department of Commerce
Department of Disabilities
Department of Environment
Department of General Services
Department of Housing and Community Development
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
Department of Transportation
Department of Veterans Affairs
Maryland Aviation Administration
Maryland Port Administration
Maryland Stadium Authority
Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
Maryland Transit Administration
Maryland Transportation Authority
Military Department
Motor Vehicle Administration
Salisbury University
State Board of Elections
State Department of Assessments and Taxation
State Highway Administration
State Police
State Treasurer's Office
The Secretary's Office (MDOT TSO)
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Maryland Global Campus
University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus

- Vendors reports were due on August 1st.
- Currently 9 vendors have already sent their reports for the entire fiscal year of 2025.
- The GPC is looking to obtain green purchasing reports for landscaping & IPM services. This will allow the GPC to track a new category of green products and services sold to the State.

VI. Member Announcements & Agency Updates

- Upcoming GPC meetings

Date	Time	Meeting Type
October 9, 2025	1:00pm - 3:00pm	GPC Working Meeting
November 13, 2025	10:00am - 12:00pm	GPC Quarterly Meeting
January 8, 2026	1:00pm - 3:00pm	GPC Working Meeting
February 12, 2026	10:00am - 12:00pm	GPC Quarterly Meeting

IX. Conclusion

- Victoria Nellis, GPC staff, thanked all the attendees and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Linton,
Staff, MD Green Purchasing Committee