# Real Estate Advisory Committee Report

State Finance and Procurement Article § 4-417

Department of General Services

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Wes Moore, Governor | Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor | Atif Chaudhry, Secretary

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The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland
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The Honorable Brooke Lierman
Comptroller of Maryland
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The Honorable Dereck Davis
Treasurer of Maryland
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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
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The Honorable Joseline Peña-Melnyk
Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
State House, H-101
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Re: State Finance and Procurement Article § 4-417 – 2026 Real Estate Advisory Committee Report

Dear Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, Treasurer Davis, Senate President Ferguson, and Speaker Peña-Melnyk:

Pursuant to § 4-417 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Legislative Services are required to jointly staff the Real Estate Advisory Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Board of Public Works, the Department of General Services, and the Maryland General Assembly by October 1, 2026.

The Real Estate Advisory Committee was established within DGS pursuant to Chapter 368 of the Acts of 2026. The Committee is charged with advising DGS, the Board of Public Works, and the General Assembly regarding industry trends, developments and movement in the commercial real estate sector, and best practices for real estate asset management in the State.

Since Chapter 368's effective date on July 1, 2026, DGS has taken steps to constitute the Real Estate Advisory Committee in accordance with § 4-417; while the committee has been unable to meet and report on its findings and recommendations by October 1, 2026, DGS is committed to

ensuring the success of this important committee. DGS has been working closely with the Department of Legislative Services and the Presiding Officers to meet the requirements outlined in this legislation, including the identification of committee members, and alignment on reporting requirements and the requisite staffing needs supporting the committee.

DGS respectfully submits this notification of late submission for the required report. The Committee expects to submit its first annual report of findings and recommendations on or before January 8, 2027. This delayed submission will allow time for the Committee to meet prior to the requested report date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact NaShona Kess, Deputy Director, Government and Legislative Affairs, at nashona.kess@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Atif Chaudhry
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