

CEQ MEETING AGENDA

Location: Jefferson Building
Date: January 22, 2025
Time: 7 pm

I. Attendance: Please remember to use the sign-in sheet. Commissioners, your attendance and participation are valuable. As you know, if you cannot attend a meeting, the rule is that you contact the chairperson and inform of the reason why not.

Welcome to our guests at this public meeting.

II. New Business:

7:10-7:40 **Regional Water Governance Model Workgroup (authorized by the State General Assembly in July 2024) and the Urban Waters Flood Team, Part 2.** Bob Summers PhD is the retired Maryland Secretary of the Environment, and continues to be active in issues of great importance including water, sewer, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Part 1 of Dr. Summers' presentation is found in the CEQ Minutes of 12/4/24.

7:40 - 7:50 Q&A

7:50 - 8:10 **Continuation of CEQ's consideration of the risks of climate change, especially options and current approaches for increasing resilience, specifically to aspects of increased heat:**

What Everyone Should Know About Synthetic Turf, presented by Marie LaPorte. The Synthetic Turf playing fields that are being installed across Baltimore County for use by children are a concern. The number of days of high and extremely high heat are increasing. Synthetic turf gets much hotter than ambient air. An example of the effect of synthetic turf on heat: on a 90F day, grass temp is 88F, while synthetic turf field temp is 155F, and the temp of air at child chest or head height is 130-140 F. Our speaker will provide a review of synthetic turf athletic fields and the health risks to athletes, neighborhoods, and drinking water that are associated with such fields, their use and disposal.

After a career in business, Marie LaPorte has volunteered in leadership roles with the Sierra Club's Maryland Chapter and the Baltimore County Green Alliance. On the zero-waste team she helped to pass Baltimore County's "Bring Your Own Bag" bill, and the State's Native Plant Program Act and the Agriculture and Biodiversity Protection Act.

8:10 - 8:15 Q&A

III. Old Business:

Minutes of 12/4/2022, correct and approve.

CEQ Road Salt Report has been distributed to the County Executive, the department heads of DEPS and DPWT, and the members of the County Council. We have requested that it be uploaded to the CEQ website. Thank you everyone!

Excellent candidates for CEQ Commissioners for Districts 1 and 5 have expressed interest and the process has begun.

If you can suggest a possible candidate for Commissioner from the Homebuilding Industry, please talk with Carol.

8:30 Adjourn

CEQ meetings in 2025: 2/26, 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, summer break, 9/24, 10/22, 12/3.