

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of

Tuesday January 13, 2026

2 PM

Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call.

Committee members present: Toby Lloyd (Chair), Megan Benjamin, Lori Lynch, John Turgeon (MET Director, non-voting)

Committee members absent: Gary Burnett, Nathan Volke

1. There were no questions or comments from the Committee regarding the draft minutes of their 10/14/25 meeting, which were emailed to the Committee prior to this meeting. Ms. Benjamin made a motion for approval of the said minutes, Ms. Lynch seconded. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.
2. Mr. Lloyd updated the Committee regarding the vacancies on MET's Board. There are currently three vacancies on the Board. All three vacancies require candidate recommendations from Senate President Ferguson. MET also needs Senate President Ferguson to designate another Senator to serve as ex-officio MET trustee. Mr. Lloyd indicated that he will again contact the Senate President's office regarding these matters. He expressed frustration that there has been no response to his previous communications with the Senate President's office regarding these ongoing vacancies. Mr. Turgeon said he will reach out to the DNR's legislative director Lydia McPherson for assistance. She has previously reached out to the Senate President's office on our behalf.
3. The Committee discussed the two additional board vacancies coming 5/31/26, when the second terms for both Toby Lloyd and Mark Hoffman will expire. For these vacancies MET will need one candidate recommendation from the Senate President, and one recommendation from the Speaker of the House. Mr. Lloyd expressed an interest in serving on MET's Advisory Council, which will enable him to serve on MET committees. Diana Conway's first term expires at the end of May as well. Mr. Turgeon will contact her about serving a second term. Ms. Benjamin will be meeting with Ann Jones (Partners for Open Space/Forever Maryland) to see if she has any ideas for connecting with Senate President's office.
4. The Committee discussed the need for a new Board Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary starting on 6/1/26. Mr. Burnett will have completed the maximum two 2-year terms as Chair. Mark Hoffman (Treasurer) and Toby Lloyd (Secretary) are both stepping off the Board.

THE NEXT MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY, April 14, 2026, 2 PM.