

MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

*Minutes for Meeting of*

Friday, February 21, 2025

**1:30 PM**

***Meeting held virtually via Google Meet and conference call.***

Committee members present: Toby Lloyd (Chair), Nathan Volke, Lori Lynch, Gary Burnett, Greg Bowen, Megan Benjamin, John Turgeon (MET Director, non-voting)  
Guest: Richard Ortt, Director, Maryland DNR's Resource Assessment Service

1. Committee Chair Toby Lloyd called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting is for the Governance Committee to nominate two MET Trustees to serve on the Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee, as required by Maryland statute (Environment Article Sec. 5-1104). The two positions have been vacant for some time and the Governor's Appointment Office has requested they be filled as soon as possible. Mr. Turgeon introduced Mr. Ortt from DNR Resource Assessment Service to discuss the role of this Oversight Committee. Mr. Ortt attends meetings of the Oversight Committee on behalf of DNR. He provided historical information about Hart-Miller Island and the Oversight Committee. The island is owned by DNR and there is a State Park on the southern part of it. DNR wants to make the rest of the island (the "north cell") a state park as well. The north cell is still a dredge deposit site until December of 2027, although not currently active. There is a joint agreement between DNR and Maryland Port Admin regarding the island. The focus of the Oversight Committee has been the park use of the island. The Port Admin runs the Oversight Committee, which meets 3-4 times a year in person at the old MDE building in Baltimore. The MET Trustees would each serve two-year terms on this Oversight Committee running from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Mr. Ortt left the meeting after discussing the role of the Oversight Committee. The Governance Committee continued to discuss the Oversight Committee, after which Ms. Lynch and Ms. Benjamin volunteered to be nominated to serve on the Oversight Committee to represent MET. The Governance Committee will make the two nominations for the MET Board to vote on by e-mail vote. **The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the nominations of Ms. Lynch and Ms. Benjamin to serve on the Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee for the two year terms discussed above.**

NEXT MET GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IS TUESDAY, April 15, 2025, AT 11 AM.