

Maryland Environmental Trust Board of Trustees  
Executive Committee Meeting Notes  
Date & Time: Monday, September 12, 2022, 2:00 to 3:00pm  
Type: Google Meet Teleconference

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Executive Committee and MET Staff Participants: Gary Burnett, Julia Jitkoff, Mark Hoffman, Megan D'Arcy, Greg Bowen, John Turgeon, Talley Kovacs

The MET September Executive Committee Meeting started at 2:03pm and the Committee reviewed the Board meeting agenda that included Strategic Planning, Managing for Results, and Committee Reports. John Turgeon reviewed the Committee Reports that will be presented at the Board Meeting. Mr. Turgeon shared that the Governance Committee voted to recommend electing Keith Colston as a Trustee. Mr. Colston was nominated by the Governor's Appointment Office based on MET's recommendation.

John Turgeon reported that there are two other vacancies to be filled, one by the Senate President office and one by the Speaker of the House. The Executive Committee discussed a Board Member issue that pertains to inactive membership. The Committee reviewed the Bylaws Article 3, subsection E, which states the procedure to remove members from the Board with cause. It was discussed to request that this Board Member resign and if the member is unresponsive then the Board will take a vote. Mr. Turgeon stated that he will work with the Chair of the Governance Committee on this matter. Mr. Turgeon reviewed the Committee roster and vacancies and the Committee discussed two other candidates for the Board that include Craig Highfield with the Alliance for the Bay, and Julia King, a Professor of Anthropology at St. Mary's University.

John Turgeon provided an update on Forever Maryland and reported that they are building on their Strategic Plan and offering a lot of education and advocacy on behalf of the Maryland Land Trust community. Mr. Turgeon stated that they recently completed a Building Better Boards Training and Toolkit that was well received.

Tally Kovacs provided an update on an on-going litigation matter.

The meeting ended at 2:47pm