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STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
January 5, 2026
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Held Via Videoconference

MINUTES

Participating Members:
Mayor Lajan Cephas, Chair
Beyer Bullard
Tiana Davis
Wanda Frink
Janette Graham
Kya Hector
Miya Horsey
Lori James
Rachel Johnson
Christian Mash
Amanda Rodriguez
Christopher Thompson
Timika Thrasher

Staff:
Aubrey Gerhardt
Sydni Jenkins
Jennifer Krabill
Layomi Omolola

Guests:
Richard Alban
Thomas Alexander
Delegate Sandy Bartlett
Darius Beckford
Angelo Giafes
Robin Goodson
Gineen Gray
Christopher Miele
Jesseanne Norton
Samantha Twigg
Greggory Warner

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Cephas called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. A quorum was present as additional members joined the meeting during the initial conversation.

II. P.R.O.T.E.C.T Coordinators

Mr. Alban introduced the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. (Public Resources Organizing to End Crime Together) Program, highlighting its mission to reduce crime and strengthen trust between communities and law enforcement across nine counties in Maryland. Each county coordinator introduced themselves and described current initiatives within their jurisdictions, including but not limited

to flag football leagues, job resource fairs, and first-responder back-to-school drives. Mr. Alban concluded by sharing his contact information and encouraged members of the SAG to reach out regarding potential collaborations and event opportunities.

Mayor Cephas inquired about coordinator participation in Emerging Leaders events. Mr. Alban explained that coordinators primarily focus on their assigned microzones but would absolutely be open to attending events in other regions of the state when possible.

Ms. Krabill thanked the P.R.O.T.E.C.T. team for attending and noted that she and Mayor Cephas have been discussing outreach to the Eastern Shore. She expressed interest in maintaining open lines of communication moving forward.

III. Approval of the Minutes*

Mayor Cephas noted that minutes from the November 3, 2025 meeting were sent to members prior to today's meeting for review. Ms. Hector moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Mash seconded. No objections were made and the November minutes were approved.

IV. Updates for Legislative Session

Ms. Krabill reported that a workgroup from the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform & Emerging & Best Practices recently released a report addressing the automatic charging of youth in the state, which has generated significant public attention. While no immediate legislative outcomes are known at this time, further developments are anticipated, and members will receive updates via email throughout the legislative session.

The Office also reported that additional data is being collected on youth in adult jails and will share updates as they become available.

Members were encouraged to follow legislative bills that affect juvenile justice issues. The Office will track potential legislation and inform SAG members quickly of pending legislation that may be of interest. If the SAG would like to submit information or testimony on a bill, Jenny Krabill should be contacted quickly to allow time for a full vote. Further details will be shared throughout the session via email.

V. Compliance Updates

Ms. Gerhardt stated that compliance data is currently under review by herself and Ms. Omolola. The SAG will be notified once the evaluation is complete and the data is submitted to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

Ms. Gerhardt encouraged members to participate in upcoming site visits when announced. Ms. Graham and Ms. James shared brief reflections on their previous site visit experiences. Members should expect to receive site visit information via email around March or April 2026.

VI. Emerging Leaders Updates

Ms. Jenkins reported that the Emerging Leaders subcommittee did not meet in the previous month due to holiday scheduling conflicts. The group plans to meet later this month, work toward establishing a new meeting time that accommodates college student schedules, and publish a newsletter.

VII. Roundtable

Mr. Mash was welcomed to the SAG and introduced himself. Ms. Graham announced that a save-the-date notice will be shared with the SAG for her organization's upcoming Second Chance Event, scheduled for April 2026 at the Cylburn Arboretum. The event will provide returning citizens an opportunity to share their reentry experiences.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on March 2, 2026 **at 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**