

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT -
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES
FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET HEARINGS**

Public Safety and Administration Sub-Committee
House Appropriations Committee
Delegate Keith E. Haynes, Chair
January 31, 2019

Senate Health and Human Services Sub-Committee
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
February 4, 2019

Good afternoon, my name is Patrick Lally; I am the Senior Executive Director for the Governor's Coordinating Offices – Shared Services. I am joined here at the table with Shameka Littles, Chief of Finance & Operations for the Governor's Coordinating Offices – Shared Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you as you review the proposed budget for Boards Commissions and Offices. I am joined this afternoon by those who make up the Boards Commissions and Offices. Mr. Chair, if I may introduce them, I would have each of them stand, as I call their names:

James Rhee, Special Secretary Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs

Steve McAdams, Executive Director Governor's Office of Community Initiatives

Michael W. Lord, Executive Director, Maryland State Ethics Commission

Harry L. Chase, Executive Director, Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

Stacy Najaka, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy

Jennifer Colton, Director, Governor's Grants Office

Erica Snipes, Executive Director, MD State Labor Relations Boards

Bethamy Beam, Chairwoman, MD State Board of Contract Appeal

Mr. Chair, I would like to thank our assigned analyst, Mr. Benjamin B. Wilhelm for his hard work, and acknowledgements of our efforts throughout the analysis. He is a pleasure for our offices to work with.

I am pleased that he has concluded that the Boards Commissions and Offices have put forth another responsible spending plan for fiscal year 2020. The Governor believes that it is important that the Boards, Commissions and Offices spending reflect the same fiscal restraint that he is asking all other agencies to implement.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to make an official comment that we are in support of the analyst's recommendation to concur with the Governor's allowance for our offices.

To that end, we are happy to respond to any questions that you or your colleagues may have in response to the analysis document.