



STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
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**FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET TESTIMONY**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT- BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICES**

Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee  
Senator Cory McCray, Chair  
February 6, 2026

House Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee  
Delegate Gabriel Acevero, Chair  
Delegate Julian Ivey, Vice Chair  
February 12, 2026

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your Subcommittee as you review the proposed budget and written testimony on behalf of the Boards, Commissions and Offices (BCO). The Boards, Commissions and Offices are comprised of various budgetary units, and they are:

*Lawrence E. Walker, Sr., Executive Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI)*

*Jennifer Allgair, Executive Director, Maryland State Ethics Commission*

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

*David Soulé, Executive Director, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy*

*Lafe Solomon, Chair, Public Employee Relations Board*

*Sonia Cho, Chairwoman, Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals*

We would like to thank our assigned analyst, Ms. Nathaly Andrade for her hard work, and her thorough analysis.

Please accept our official comments below to the analyst observations and recommendations as noted in the analysis document.

**Operating Budget Recommended Actions**

1. Concur with Governor's Allowance.

**The Boards, Commissions and Offices respectfully agree with the DLS recommendation to concur with the Governor's Allowance.**