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**HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Saturday, September 7, 2024  
Campus Center 205  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
St. Mary's City, MD 20686  
10:00am – 1:00pm**

HSMCC Commission Board Meeting

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Time zone: America/New York

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10:00-10:15 Welcome and call to order – Chairman Heely called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m

Approval of Minutes

Adm. Heely, Chair

Minutes were not approved, after discussion regarding minutes, corrections, and quotes. Commissioners prefer to see salient points only. As there is no elected Secretary to the board, it was decided minutes will be sent to the Chair and Executive Director for review and concurrence.

Introductions

Chair's Report

Adm. Heely, Chair

10:15-10:45 Committee Updates

Education

Ms. Mathis

Committee continues to support programs.

Grounds

Mr. Drew

Committee met, discussed comprehensive plan & vision, looking towards capital improvements in support of the 2034 celebration. Discussion regarding Chancellor's Point, the Farthing's Parking Lot and the Maryland Stadium Authority Analysis. There was significant discussion regarding the process, the analysis, and now the next phase.

Motion to pause the Chancellor's Point Pier Construction project based on Dr. Lewis' concern over fiscal responsibility. Ms. Walker made the

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motion to pause, seconded by Ms. Kramer. After discussion, the motion pause did not pass; the pier construction will continue moving forward.

## Planning

Ms. Walker

Planning committee met, discussion regarding the list of priorities brought forward by the Executive Director. Discussion regarding the top 5 projects, and upcoming events in preparation of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## Administration

Mr. Hall (for Ms. Fleming)

Administration committee met, reviewed, and approved the current FY25 Budget and FY26 Budget preparation, pending Commission approval. Significant amount of discussion on the FY 25 budget. Ms. Kohler made the motion to approve FY25 Budget, seconded by Ms. Hinkle, motion passed.

## 10:45-11:00 FY 2026 Budget

Dr. Seidel, Mr. Hunter

Dr. Seidel reviewed the FY26 Budget that is being prepared for submission. He noted that this agenda item affords the Commission an opportunity to help shape the budget request before it is submitted to DBM and the Governor, rather simply approving after the budget has been adopted by the legislature. No substantive comments.

## 11:00-11:30 Executive Director's Report

Dr. Seidel

**Quarterly summary** Dr. Seidel reminded the members they have received the quarterly summary and he is looking for input regarding the highlights members would like to see. Ms. Stinson added the Chancellor's Point Working Group has created an Ethics Frame Work, and they respectively ask the HSMCC to support the document. A motion was made to approve support the Ethics document, seconded by Ms. Kohler. The motion passed and the statement will be reviewed by the OAG's office.

**Workplace Climate Survey** Dr. Seidel reviewed the workplace climate survey, reminding the board how it came to be and then reviewed the synopsis. There was discussion and suggestions regarding "meet and greets" between the board and staff.

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**Priorities** Dr. Seidel discussed the list of priorities and vision. There was a significant amount of discussion, and the staff were asked to produce a map of all the sites that comprise HSMC.

11:30-12:30 Presentation & Update  
on the Maryland Heritage Interpretation Center Dr. Parno, Mr. Friesen

Dr. Parno and Mr. Friesen reviewed the current exhibit plan laid out for MHIC.  
The consensus of the Commissioners was favorable.

12:30-1:00 Closed Session Adm. Heely, Chair  
Chairman Heely read the closing statement at 12:50 p.m.

Adjourn by 1:00 p.m. for Indigenous Heritage Day

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