



**MEDA Winter Conference**

**January 14, 2021**

**8:45 am – 11:00 am**

**Virtual**

**2021 LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Sponsored by:

Maryland Department of Commerce

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation

Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland (RMI)

City of Annapolis

Public and private sector leaders share their thoughts on economic development-related legislation that will be considered by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2021 session.

8:45 – 9:00

**WELCOME**

Pamela J. Ruff, Executive Director, Maryland Economic Development Association

Heather Gramm, CEcD, President, Maryland Economic Development Association

**MEDA BUSINESS MEETING**

Secretary's Report (Member Vote on Minutes and By-Law Change) – Richard Griffin, CEcD

Membership Report – Ebony Stocks

Public Policy Awareness Committee Report – Rhonda Ray

9:00 – 9:15 am

**HOST COUNTY/CITY COMMENTS**

Ben Birge, President/Chief Executive Officer, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corp

Stephen Rice, Economic Development Manager, City of Annapolis

Honorable Stuart Pittman, Anne Arundel County Executive

Honorable Gavin Buckley, Mayor of Annapolis

9:15 – 10:30 am

**MARYLAND'S BUSINESS AND LOCAL POLICY PERSPECTIVE**

**Moderator: Sean M. Looney, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Comcast**

Tom Ballentine, Vice President for Policy and Government Relations, NAIOP

Nicole Christian, CCE, IOM, President & CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce

Donald C. Fry, President/Chief Executive Officer, Greater Baltimore Committee

Jack McDougle, President/Chief Executive Officer, Greater Washington Board of Trade

Christine Ross, President/Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, MACo

10:30 – 10:45 am

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Kelly Schulz, Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce

**Introduction by:** Heather Gramm, CEcD, President, Maryland Economic Development Association

10:45 – 11:00 am

**CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Heather Gramm, CEcD, President, Maryland Economic Development Association