Climate Change Executive Order Fact Sheet

Summary:

- Extends the Commission’s reach, work output and effectiveness through the addition of select representatives of Maryland’s business, labor, non-profit, local government and scientific research communities. The Commission would be expanded to as many as 25 members.
- Requires the Commission to develop broader public-private and State-local partnerships to better mitigate the causes of climate change, prepare for and adapt to its consequences and better communicate the urgency of the problem.
- Requires an assessment of the efficacy of existing State regulations and programs.
- Requires development and maintenance of a comprehensive action plan, with five-year benchmarks, to achieve science-based reductions in Maryland’s Greenhouse Gas emissions of 80 percent of 2006 levels by 2050.
- Establishes a new Commission work group focused on education and outreach.
- Requires all Commission workgroups to develop annual work plans and establish a performance measurement system to monitor and evaluate climate-related work and progress.
- Charges the Commission with constructing a common data platform to better understand the causes and impacts of climate change and the work being undertaken to mitigate it.
- Requires regular Commission meetings and enhanced State agency reporting to ensure that sufficient effort is being made across all sectors and communities in Maryland.

Proposed Commission Membership

One member appointed by Senate President
One member appointed by House Speaker

Government Appointees
Robert M. Summers, Chair of Commission and Secretary of Environment
Nancy K. Kopp, Maryland State Treasurer
Lillian M. Lowery, Maryland Superintendent of Schools
Earl F. Hance, Secretary of Agriculture
Joseph P. Gill, Secretary of Natural Resources
Richard E. Hall, Secretary of Planning
James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary of Transportation
Abigail R. Hopper, Esq., Director, Maryland Energy Administration
Donald Boesch, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES)

Nongovernmental/Nonprofit Appointees
Stuart Clarke, Town Creek Foundation
Lori Arguelles, Alice Ferguson Foundation
Mike Tidwell, Chesapeake Climate Action Network
Amy Owsley, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
Lynn Heller, Abell Foundation

Local Government Appointees
Peter Murphy, Charles County Commissioner
Kelley Russell, Frederick City Alderman

**Business Appointees**
Sue Briggum, Vice President, Waste Management, Inc.
Chuck Fry, Maryland Farm Bureau
Peter Zadoretzky, Sustainability Manager, The Bozzuto Group
Brad Karbowsky, United Association of Plumbers and Fitters

**Advisory Committee:** The Commission shall consult with and seek the advice of the following advisors as appropriate.
Department of Budget & Management
Department of Business & Economic Development
Department of General Services
Department of Housing & Community Development
Department of Information Technology
Department of Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Maryland Association of Counties
Maryland Insurance Commission
Maryland Municipal League
Public Service Commission