

## Board of Trustees - Museum Division (Monday, January 5, 2026)

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Michael Blackwell, Chairperson.

- A. Establish Quorum
- B. Moment of Silence
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

- Present Members: Connor Wolfe, Michael Brown, Kathy Bailey, Michelle Reloba, Michael Blackwell, Zack Steele, Rosa Hance, Caitlyn Socrates
- Present for County: Karen Stone, Museum Division Manager
- Present for the Friends of St. Clements Island and Piney Point Museums: Janet Cooper

B. Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2025 Meeting

- Motion by Michelle Reloba
- Seconded by Kathy Bailey
- Approved unanimously

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Calendar of Trustees Meetings Dates were presented by staff

B. Annual Report Approval

- Motion by Kathy Bailey
- Seconded by Connor Wolfe
- Approved unanimously

C. Change of Officers

- The 2026 officers were introduced as: Michael Blackwell, Chairperson; Mike Brown, Vice Chair; and Kathy Bailey, Secretary.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. St. Mary's County Museum Division Update – Karen Stone, Museum Division Manager

- Provided a report of Museum activities for November and December. Highlights included: five special events held, repairs to facilities, staff attendance at meetings and travel shows, and staff presentations for organizations and special interest groups. A focus has been on preparations for the Maryland 250th anniversary. Karen also provided information on the final report of the MD Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission, found at: <http://msa.maryland.gov/lynching-truth-reconciliation/reports/MLTRCFinalReport.pdf>

B. Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums Update – Janet Cooper

- Provided a report on the events and activities sponsored by the Friends. This included the Evening Tides and Building Bricks Lighthouse Challenge events, the annual appeal results, and grant applications. Volunteers are needed for the Rebels and Redcoats event; she also outlined exciting changes for the 2026 dinner cruises.

C. St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks Update – Karen Stone

- Provided an update for the Department. There are now AEDs in all parks, the new departmental registration system is up and running, and staff met with the new owners of the property adjacent to PPLM on future partnerships. Budget work sessions are in full swing, with an anticipated request for repairs to museum structures. The design firm for exhibits at the new SCIM museum building will be selected in the near future.

5. ADJOURN

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 2, 2026

B. Upcoming Events – Highlights include:

- February First Friday / Old Jail Museum February 6
- Black History Month open house days @ USCT Interpretive Center February 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, & 28
- Community Day @ PPLM February 13

- President's Day @ PPLM February 16
- Moll Dyer Day / Old Jail February 27 or 28
- Maryland Day March 25
- Installation ceremony for stuffed ham marker March 29
- Rebels and Redcoats April 11-12
- Black Diamond Wreath Laying April 26

C. Adjournment: 9:25 a.m.