

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 28, 2025)

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1. JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - CSMC MEETING ROOM, CHESAPEAKE BUILDING

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Ms. Karin Bailey, Chairman, Board of Education, District 3
Ms. Mary Washington, Member, Board of Education, District 4
Ms. Dorothy Andrews, Member, Board of Education, District 1
Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Tammy McCourt, Deputy Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Charles Eibel, Director of Safety and Security
Karen Howe, Director of Capital Planning
Mike Watson, Chief Operating Officer

Commissioner President Guy called the Joint Meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Board of Education to order at 9:00 am.

Following introductions and comments from Commissioner President Guy and Chairman Bailey, the following items were presented: Unofficial Enrollment for School Year 2025-2026; Maryland's Blueprint for the Future Updated for SMCPS CY26; Safety and Security Update; Facility Utilization and Boundary Study/ Redistricting/ Enrollment Update; FY 25 Audit Results and FY26 Unrestricted Budget Amendment.

MOTION: I move to approve the Board of Education's request of a FY2026 categorical budget amendment of fund balance in the amount of \$1,887,120, including the interfund transfer of \$1,775,120 from operating to CIP, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

Following closing remarks, Commissioner President Guy closed the Joint Meeting with the St. Mary's County Board of Education at 10:20 a.m.

2. WELCOME

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Leenika Belfield-Martin, Communications Coordinator, Public Information Office

Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of October 21, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

B. World Sustainability Day

C. National Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month

4. COMMENDATIONS

A. Sarah Fitzgerald was commended for her years of volunteerism as a driver for the Home-Delivered Meals Program.

B. A commendation was presented to Bonnie Payne for her dedicated 25 years of service in recognition of her retirement.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 18, 2025. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on November 11, 2025.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - CAD4CAD MOU

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County Commissioners of Calvert County and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Medstar Health MOA

I move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and MedStar Health, Inc., and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution Authorizing the 5-year Financing of Equipment Approved in the FY2026 Budget.

I move to approve and sign the Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing agreement in the amount of \$900,000, with First American Equipment Finance, as recommended by the Finance Department, and authorize the Commissioner President and appropriate staff to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Nuisance Flood Plan

I move to approve the 2025 Nuisance Flood Plan and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 4, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator