

Local Development Council February Meeting

February 18, 2026

Attendance: Chair Kendal Wade, Kimberly Harris, Sheila Curry, Delegate Veronica Turner, Christna Jackson, Lamont Green, Betel Worku, Ernest Lewis, Dani Moore-King, Earl O'Neal, Rhonda Dorsey, Paula Noble, Brandon Johnson, and Keyanna Morant.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

- Opening Prayer Chair Kendal Wade

Minutes

- Paula Noble motioned to approve the January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
- Seconded by Chair Kendal Wade
- All in favor
 - Approved and passed with unanimous consent

Vice Chair Discussion

- Council Members interested in being Vice Chair, submit your bios to Chair Wade, and a collective email will be sent around. Please review the bios and email your vote to Shelia Curry.
- At 7:26 pm, Chair Wade adjourned the meeting to confer information with Ms. Curry offline, then re-adjourned at 7:29 pm with a decision to amend the agenda. The new amended agenda would include selecting an LDC member to take minutes in Ms. Lester's absence and using the remaining time to have interested members serve as vice chair, share about themselves, and explain why they would like to serve as vice chair.

Vice Chair Interest Discussion

- Former Vice Chair, Delegate Turner, expressed interest in remaining the Vice Chair.
- Council Member Lamont Green expressed interest in the vice chair role.
- Both individuals shared a little about themselves and how they would continue to impact the community. Council Members will vote by email.

Selection of LDC Member to Take Meeting Minutes During A'Lana Lester's Leave

- Betel Worku will take minutes in A'Lana's absence.

Discussion and Review of Submitted LDC Recommendations on FY2026-FY2028 Multi-Year Spending Plan

- Ms. Curry has communicated with the County Executive Office and the Prince George's County Council's office that the LDC did not have any comments on the spending Plan.
- Chair Wade shared ideas like a statewide LDC luncheon to meet and greet, and pull from one another, an informal meeting, and the second, a resource fair. Allow LDC-funded organizations to provide resources and information to the community.
- Council Member Lamont Green mentioned a workshop for individuals/organizations to apply for the grant monies. Ms. Curry mentioned that it was previously held by the Office of Program and Budget, but assured the workshop could be held again.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2026, LDC Meeting Agenda Items

- Discussion on how the LDC gets active and engaged in the Community
- Add Elected Officials Report and MGM Representative

Open Forum -Nothing Discussed

Elected Officials Report

- **Delegate Turner**
 - The sphere is coming to the Harbor and will generate a lot of money. Congressman Jeffries was in attendance at the Democratic Caucus.
 - The House passed the redistricting bill; the Senate is pending on the redistricting line.
 - The 287G Bill was passed. *(ICE is a federal agency that sometimes trains local police to help enforce immigration laws through something called the 287(g) program. This program gives local officers permission to do certain immigration-related tasks under ICE's supervision. A new Maryland law (SB 245/HB 444) says that police and local governments in the state are **not allowed** to participate in these agreements. If any Maryland counties or cities already have a 287(g) partnership with ICE, they must end it right away.*
 - Requested to be added back to the agenda "Elected Officials Report."

County Executive/County Council Updates

- Ms. Curry stated Delegate Turner shared the major updates. Nothing additional.

Internal LDC Process and Upcoming Items

○ Vice Chair Wade selection:

- Members to submit bios to Ms. Curry; votes by all members after hearing the interest discussion NLT Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5 pm.
- An email will confirm the selection of the Vice Chair.

Meeting Adjournment

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.