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Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2022 (SB 269/HB 275) Fact Sheet

Bill Summary

The Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2022 requires sixteen quasi-government agencies to adhere to increased transparency requirements for their public meetings. This includes:

- Live video streaming of meetings;
- Posting meeting materials 48 hours in advance; and
- Posting meeting minutes within two days of their approval at a meeting.

The Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2022 builds on the successful 2020 bill of the same name (SB 363/HB 421). The 2020 legislation laid the foundation for transparency standards applied to a few of Maryland's governing boards. The transparency standards outlined in the bill are in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor's bipartisan State Transparency and Accountability Reform (STAR) Commission.

Many agencies are already complying with elements of the bill particularly as it relates to web streaming meetings during the age of COVID. But the Maryland State Agency Transparency Act will ensure standardized approaches across quasi-governmental agencies and will ensure that the agencies do not become less transparent after COVID.

Below is a list of the sixteen quasi-government agencies and what their current transparency practices are for their public meetings.

Name of Organization	Meeting Minutes	Recordings of Meetings
Bainbridge Development Corporation	Meeting minutes are provided on the corporation's website. Participants are listed and more recently (June 21, 2021) financial reports have been disclosed alongside meeting minutes. Link: af48ea_e4b6300b386b4c9d8baf01	The corporation's last two meetings (October 25th and December 13th) were zoom meetings that have been uploaded onto the corporation's website. Links: October 25th Passcode Required - Zoom

	4c3f241dc2.pdf (filesusr.com)	Passcode (7rZCf9?a) December 13th BDC Board of Directors - Zoom
Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority	Meeting minutes are uploaded onto the corporation’s website however many of the uploaded minutes do not provide much information. Link: Agenda Center • Allegany County, MD • CivicEngage (alleganygov.org)	Although there is a live streaming service for meetings, there are no meeting recordings uploaded on the website. Link: Live stream Watch Live Stream of Meeting Allegany County, MD (alleganygov.org)
Maryland 9-1-1 Board	Maryland 9-1-1 Board has public meetings once a month, and the agenda and meeting minutes are uploaded onto their website. The earliest meeting upload was October 20, 2020. Link: MDEM-9-1-1 Board Meetings (maryland.gov)	Maryland 9-1-1 Board began posting video recordings with its September 30, 2021 meeting.
Maryland Agricultural and Resource Based Industry Corporation	No meeting minutes could be found on MARBIDCO’s website Link: For New Farmers MARBIDCO	No recordings of meetings could be found on the website.
Maryland Clean Energy Center	The meeting minutes are uploaded onto the Maryland Clean Energy Center website, and the earliest upload dates back to 2009. The meeting minutes are sorted by the fiscal year. Link: Meeting Minutes – Maryland Clean Energy Center (mdcleanenergy.org)	There are no meeting recordings uploaded onto their website.

<p>Maryland Economic Development Corporation</p>	<p>No meeting minutes could be found on the Maryland Economic Development Corporation's website.</p> <p>Links: Home – Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) (medamd.com)</p>	<p>No recordings could be found on the Maryland Economic Development Corporation's website.</p>
<p>Maryland Environmental Service*</p> <p>*Subject to similar transparency requirements as a result of the Maryland Environmental Service Reform Act of 2021.</p>	<p>The Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service uploads their meeting minutes and agenda onto their website. The company's minutes go back to 1979 and are organized by year.</p> <p>Links: Board Meetings 2021 - Maryland Environmental Service (menv.com)</p>	<p>The Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service also uploads their meeting recordings onto YouTube and the links are easily accessible on their website.</p> <p>Links: YouTube Meeting Recording MES Board of Directors Meeting - January 2021 - Part A - YouTube</p>
<p>Maryland Food Center Authority</p>	<p>The Maryland Food Center Authority has meeting minutes uploaded to the website but the earliest upload is from November 2020. Currently, there are only 4 uploads visible on the website.</p> <p>Link: Board of Directors - mfca</p>	<p>No recordings could be found on the Maryland Food Center Authority website.</p>
<p>Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority</p>	<p>The Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority has four visible meeting minutes on their website, the earliest uploaded in August 2021.</p> <p>Link: Current Year Activities MHHEFA</p>	<p>No recordings could be found on the website.</p>
<p>Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority</p>	<p>The Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority uploads meeting minutes on their website.</p>	<p>No recordings could be found on the website</p>

	<p>Meetings are separated based on the group (i.e. executive, finance, Board, etc).</p> <p>Link: Agendas & Minutes FY21 - Rockville Economic Development, Inc (rockvilleredi.org)</p>	
Maryland Stadium Authority	<p>The Maryland Stadium Authority uploads meeting minutes on their website, and their earliest uploaded meeting minutes is from 2017.</p> <p>Link: https://mdstad.com/index.php/about/meeting-minutes</p>	<p>The Maryland Stadium Authority also uploads a recording of their live stream onto YouTube.</p> <p>Link: https://mdstad.com/index.php/about/meeting-minutes</p>
<p>Maryland Transportation Authority*</p> <p>*Subject to Transparency Act of 2020. Included in 2022 to make minor revisions to the state code.</p>	<p>The Maryland Transportation Authority uploads both the agenda and the minutes on to their website. The earliest year in the archives is 2018.</p> <p>Link: https://mdta.maryland.gov/Meeting_Schedules/MDTA_Board_Meeting_Schedule.html</p>	<p>The Maryland Transportation Authority also uploads recordings of their meetings onto Vimeo.</p> <p>Link: https://vimeo.com/657113494?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=58285773</p>
The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority	<p>The Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority uploads their meeting minutes on to the website. The earliest uploaded meeting minutes are from 2015.</p> <p>Link: https://www.nmwda.org/agendasminutes/</p>	<p>No recording of meetings could be found on the website.</p>
Public Service Commission	<p>The Public Service Commission uploads a few meeting minutes but gives site visitors the option to search up a specific date of a meeting to find the minutes.</p> <p>Link:</p>	<p>Recordings of meetings can be found on YouTube.</p> <p>Link: https://www.youtube.com/c/MarylandPSC</p>

	https://webapp.psc.state.md.us/newIntranet/psc/proceedings_new.cfm	
State Board of Elections	<p>The State Board of Elections uploads minutes for its board meetings, and the earliest uploaded minutes is from January 2017.</p> <p>Link: https://elections.maryland.gov/about/board.html</p>	<p>The State Board of Elections uploads meeting live streams on YouTube and can be accessed on their website.</p> <p>Link: https://elections.maryland.gov/about/board_archive.html</p>