

# State of Maryland

## Commission on Civil Rights

*"Our vision is to have a State that is free from any trace of unlawful discrimination."*



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## AGENDA

**April 13, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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- 10:05 a.m. Call to Order
- Roll Call
  - Introduction by Chair of new Commissioners
  - Minutes
- 10:15 a.m. Any members of the public visiting
- 10:20 a.m. Fair Housing Month and Guest Briefing by Nancy Goldring, President of the Northeast Towson Improvement Association on East Towson Community
- Briefing on the impact of development choices on communities, including, those recognized as inhabited historically by African Americans
- What is the balance among affordable housing and equity? As background reading, see, Taylor Deville, *Baltimore County Judge Clears Red Maple Affordable Housing Development in East Towson*, Balt. Sun, Mar. 9, 2021, <https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-county/bs-md-co-red-maple-approved-20210309-nlhyf244vncpdi3mow6jukckie-story.html>
- Introduction of Speaker by Chair
  - Presentation by Speaker
  - Any action for the Board of Commissioners?
- 10:45 a.m. Staff Reports

- 11:15 a.m. Board Affairs
- Any statement Commissioners want to make during Fair Housing Month (Brief)
  - Vote on Board Guidelines Vote on announcement of new Board members
  - Old Business
    - Implementation of 2021-24 Strategic Plan
    - Western Maryland Advisory Council: Chair will eventually do a virtual coffee with the Acting schedule chair. Commissioner involvement.
  - New Business
    - MCCR housing forums occurring on April 27 and on April 28, 2021
    - Special event related to the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project and the work of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Placing a marker, on May 8, 2021, in restorative acknowledgement of Mr. Howard Cooper, an African American lynched by a mob in Towson, Maryland.
    - May: Public Service Week
    - July: Board Member Social “Mixer” Appetizers on the Chair at rear lawn of Valley View Inn on Falls Road
    - September Board retreat and officer elections
- 11:30 a.m. Executive Session
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights will hold its next Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: To Be Determined

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**The public is invited to attend and participate. If you require an accommodation to attend the meeting, please submit your request at [mccr@maryland.gov](mailto:mccr@maryland.gov).**