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**Maryland Higher Education Commission
 Meeting Agenda**

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 Wes Moore

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 Sanjay Rai, Ph.D.

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Commission Vice Chair
 Chike Aguh

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 Kathleen Bands, Ph.D.
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 Janet E. Wormack, Ed.D.
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 Commissioner

Principal Counsel
 Kimberly Smith Ward

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
 Wednesday
 April 23, 2025

PLACE: Virtual
 (via Google Meet)

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Call to Order		
Chair’s and Secretary’s Remarks		
Public Comments		
Commission Meeting Minutes Approval		
• March 26, 2025.....	1	*
Update on the Maryland State Plan for Higher Education – Vice Chair Chike Aguh and Elena Quiroz-Livanis		
Federal Policy Update – Kamal Essaheb and Elena Quiroz-Livanis		
Presentation – J. B. Holston		
Department of External Relations – Derrick Coley		
• Legislative Session Wrap-Up		
• General Updates		
Update on Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Dr. Emily Dow		
Department of Finance & Administration – Geoffrey Newman		
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• Office of Student Financial Assistance – Al Dorsett		
○ Approval of Proposed Amendments to COMAR 13B.08.20 – Cybersecurity Public Service Scholarship Program.....	11	*
○ Update on FAFSA Completion		
○ Scholarship Awarding Update		
Adjournment		

**The next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 @ 10 a.m.*

