

RESILIENCE AUTHORITY

Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

The Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County

December 17th, Board of Directors Annual Meeting

DATE: December 4th, 2025
TO: Board of Directors and Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Matthew Fleming, Executive Director
RE: Board of Directors Annual Meeting Packet

The Annual Meeting of the Resilience Authority of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Board of Directors will take place, **Wednesday, December 17 th, from 5 to 7 pm** in the **Lower Level | 104 Cabinet Room of the Arundel Center on CALVERT ST &, Clay St, Annapolis, MD 21401.**

The conference room is located on the ground floor. As you come through security, take the elevator to the ground floor and make a left out of the elevator. The Cabinet Room is down the hall on the left. If you arrive late or are waiting long call/text me at 443.370.6051. Please make sure you allow extra time for going through security.

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Annapolis, MD
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25 Calvert Street
Annapolis, MD
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Attached is a meeting agenda. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 443.370.6951 or by email at matthew.fleming@aacounty.org.

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Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/uix-tuxp-bid>

Or dial: (US) +1 513-757-0041 PIN: 797 590 018#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/uix-tuxp-bid?pin=4148796846178>

A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act procedures

5:00PM **BOARD MEMBER SWEARING-IN CEREMONY:** A representative from the Anne Arundel County Clerk of the Circuit Court will administer the oath of office to the newly appointed members of the Resilience Authority Board of Directors, appointed by Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman, in accordance with County procedures.

5:10PM **ENRICHMENT PRESENTATION - THE SECRET LIFE OF ORCHIDS:** As a gesture of gratitude for the Board's leadership and partnership throughout the year, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Dennis Whigham, Senior Scientist at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and founder of the North American Orchid Conservation Center. Dr. Whigham is one of the nation's foremost orchid ecologists, known for his engaging presentations that blend ecological science, conservation insights, and the unexpected beauty of native orchid species. His work offers a unique lens into the interconnectedness of natural systems and the importance of preserving biodiversity across our region. This special session is offered in appreciation of the Board's service and as an opportunity to close out the year with curiosity, reflection, and connection. (*Dennis Whigham, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center*).

5:50PM **GETTING STARTED: ORDER OF THE DAY AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Welcome remarks given by the Chair and Director. (*Veronique Bugnion, Chair & Matt Fleming, Executive Director*)

- *Approval of September Meeting Minutes ~ Veronique Bugnion*
- *Officer and Committee Positions ~ Veronique Bugnion*
- *Discussion of Federal Funding ~ Veronique Bugnion and Matt Fleming*

- *Annual Conflict and Duality of Interest Policy* ~ Matt Fleming
- *2026 Board Meeting Schedule* ~ Matt Fleming
 - *March 25th, 2026*
 - *June 24th, 2026*
 - *September 30th, 2026*
 - *December 16th, 2026*

Materials:

- [BOD Meeting Minutes September 17, 2025](#)
- [Officer and Committee Positions](#)
- [COI and DOI Policy](#)

6:00 PM

TREASURER'S REPORT: This is time set aside at every meeting to hear directly from the Board Treasurer and the Director of Operations on the current financial state of the organization. Discussion of the internal controls and financial accountability of the Resilience Authority.

Topics:

1. *FY 25 Audit Presentation* ~ William Seymour, SB & Company, Inc.
2. *Review and Approve FY25 RA Budget Amendments* ~ Kristina Alexander

Materials

- [Presentation to Governance](#) (Prepared for Discussion and Board Review)
- [Audited FY25 Financial Statements with Reports](#) (Prepared for Board Review)
- [RA Budget 3rd Quarter](#) (Prepared for Approval)

6:20PM

RESILIENCE REPORT: This is time set aside at every meeting to hear directly from the Resilience Authority Staff, seek Board direction and discussion of recent activities.

Topics:

1. Presentation of Resilience Authority's Annual Report ~ Gabe Cohee
2. Discussion of Resilient and Ready Anne Arundel/Solar Focus ~ Matt Fleming

Materials:

- [2025 Annual Report](#) (Prepared for Approval)
- [Resilient and Ready Framework Questions](#)

6:55PM

New Business and Public Comment: Opportunity for public comment, input from the Advisory

Committee Members, and Board Member discussion.

7:00PM

Meeting Concludes

Next Meeting | March 25th, 2026

The Resilience Authority quarterly meeting agendas are developed to address issues challenging the region. Topics selected are influenced by availability of science, community interest, timing and opportunity. We welcome your input on posted agendas or as topics for upcoming meetings. If your suggestion is relevant to a posted agenda topic, please submit your comment in writing one week prior to the meeting. To submit your comment, please email

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