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P R O C E E D I N G S

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: While the Comptroller settles in, we'll get started. Good morning. Welcome to the April 3rd meeting of the Board of Public Works. I'm Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown presiding in lieu of Governor Martin O'Malley. It's a pleasure again to join my friends and partners in public service, the Comptroller Peter Franchot and the Treasurer Nancy Kopp. It's nice to see everyone here on this Spring morning, although it's so chilly out. The Treasurer and I were commenting that hopefully we will get a bit of a Spring here in Maryland.

So we're off to the start of an exciting baseball season. Right? The Nationals started strong, Bryce Harper, two, Marlins, zero. The Orioles started off strong. Let me say at the outset, because there was all this, you know, and there was that Redskins-Ravens business, and who's wearing what jersey, so I'll say at the outset of the season I will be rooting for both the Nationals and the Orioles. In May when they host each other at their home parks in

the last week of May, I'll probably be absent, somehow, somewhere. But I guarantee that I will proclaim my allegiance to one of the two teams when they face off in the World Series before the first pitch.

But look, it's great to be here. I think we've got a short agenda. But let me first turn it over to the Treasurer who I believe has some opening remarks.

TREASURER KOPP: Well talking about Spring coming, first of all I do hope it's more than just a brief Spring. I mean, those of us who live in the Washington area are used to two-day Springs between Winter and Summer, and I hope it will be a little longer. I happen to like this weather a lot, cool but sunny.

But I didn't want this morning to pass, Governor, without noting that the reason Governor O'Malley is not here I believe is that he is at the funeral of former Delegate Gerry Curran from Baltimore City. A man with whom both the Comptroller and I served for a number of years. A man who was really

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outstanding in the City and in the Legislature, in our House. A man of great humor and really dedicated service. For a good portion of his term Gerry was the Vice Chair of the Constitution and Administrative Law Committee. And as the terminology went then, brought the boys behind the first woman Chair of a standing committee of the Legislature, Helen Koss. Who I think could not have done as outstanding a job as she did without Gerry there next to her. A man dedicated to the City and dedicated to serving people, and a very good friend. And I think we will miss him but he's one of those guys, Gerry Curran, whom you mention and you have to smile when you think of him. And that's a great legacy to leave. Thank you, Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. And thank you for waiting for me. I've done my share of waiting in the last seven years. But seriously, it's great to have you here. I really value my relationship with you, and frankly the Treasurer also. We were all House colleagues. Sometimes out on the hustings I describe myself as a

recovering legislator. We all, though, owe a debt of gratitude to that great House of Delegates that we served in. Thank you for being in charge today.

I completely concur with the Treasurer about Gerry Curran. You know, he was someone that, you know, he was a little bit rough. But he wasn't, he was never disagreeable.

TREASURER KOPP: No.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: He was always friendly and up front with, regardless of the political climate. And I always valued his accessibility. He was humble and quiet. And he certainly had the respect of all of his colleagues. And was a fixture in Baltimore. So to his wife Jeannette, and the entire Curran family, I join the Treasurer and the Lieutenant Governor in wishing them our heartfelt condolences. He definitely will be missed.

And just as Gerry Curran was a constant in Baltimore, the Lieutenant Governor is correct. Baseball is a great constant presence for our country. I think it was in *Field of Dreams* where someone

mentioned, "Thank God for baseball because it comes around every year." It's got the same predictability and the same excitement and the same wonderful emotions associated with it. So I was delighted to see the Lieutenant Governor and his family at Nats Stadium for Opening Day. There was an electric atmosphere, 45,000 fans on hand to cheer Stephen Strasburg's seven shutout innings, and two home runs by Bryce Harper. Anybody see that? Does anybody out there know how old Bryce Harper is? Twenty years old!

So the future is bright. I'm going to go up, I'm sure the Lieutenant Governor will be there also, to Camden Yards to watch Jake Arrieta take the mound against the Twins on Friday. Madam Treasurer, you are welcome to come and join us. Madam Treasurer?

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: She's finalizing her fantasy baseball league.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Yes --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So Opening Day, there is something special about it. People seem a little bit happier. The air is a little bit crisper. Tax Day, which is a week away is kind of in the distant future and nobody cares about that. But last year, Lieutenant Governor, you mentioned you were rooting for both teams. I went out on a limb and predicted that the Orioles and the Nationals were going to meet in the World Series. I was a year premature, I admit. But I can't wait for that Nats-Os World Series this year. The future really is here for these baseball clubs. And it's going to be one heck of a season.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. Good. Let's go ahead and turn to the Secretary's Agenda this morning.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have 13 items on the Secretary's Agenda. We have two reports of emergency procurements. We are withdrawing Item 5 and withdrawing Item 13. We are prepared to answer questions on the remainder of the items.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Question on Items 6 and 7, both of them together.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Items 6 and 7? Is Ms. Frketic here from the Maryland Environmental Service?

MS. FRKETIC: Yes.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Okay, these are water tower renovations. We actually have three in a row. The contract from the Maryland Environmental Service is being awarded to Minoan Inc. for water tower renovations at various sites.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: This is Ellen Frketic.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So, thank you.

MS. FRKETIC: Good morning, everyone. Okay-

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay, here's my question. Because it's no, I'm going to vote for this, it's the low bid. But I'm told by the Baltimore and Maryland business community that if you apply for a contract in Pennsylvania or in North Carolina, and you're not a company from those states, you have about a five percent chance of getting the contract. And I notice here you've got a York, Pennsylvania company

we're awarding the contract to, then you've got Baltimore, Baltimore, Baltimore, Baldwin underneath it losing out. And I guess I just, maybe the Budget Secretary could help me here, if someone could review the contracts that are granted by our neighboring states and see whether everyone is playing on the same level playing field as far as awarding contracts? To, obviously under the law we can't bias it. But I mean, maybe it's just a perception, and it's a perception without any facts behind it. But if these neighboring states of ours have figured out some way to legally award these contracts to in state companies, I'd like to at least be aware of it.

And this, I have no problem with Minoan winning the contract. It's a good deal for the taxpayers. It's going to save us some money. But what if we're the only people that play with a level playing field? What if everybody else is employing their own people, and recycling the money? I don't know. So it's not your job. But Madam Secretary, maybe you could help me? Have some review of just --

MS. FOSTER: We can look and make a determination to what extent we can find out whether -

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you. I'm not asking you to change anything. I'm just saying could we please inform ourselves about whether we're the redheaded Eskimo in the, on the East Coast as far as this, the way we, on contracts. Just look at these great Maryland companies here that bid. And so anyway, thank you for that. And then I had one other question on Item 3 about, if I could? Quickly, Lieutenant Governor?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Sure.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Dr. David Lever is here. This is a regulation to be proposed about air, indoor air quality in relocatable classrooms at public schools.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Thank you, Dr. Lever.

DR. LEVER: Good morning.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And thank you for your leadership. Indoor air quality, I know it is the whole nine yards as far as circulation, and purity of

air, and you need centralized air conditioning to provide good air quality. How about just regular air conditioning in Baltimore County, Baltimore City Schools?

DR. LEVER: Well we have --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And what, is there a regulation for indoor air temperature?

DR. LEVER: No, there is not. The statute did not address that, the statute that we are responding to with these regulations. And there is no regulation on indoor air temperature that would require a certain temperature range. There is good practice. And that can be achieved through ventilation, natural ventilation, or it can be achieved through mechanical means. Typically now it is achieved through mechanical means.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent. Well just keep doing what you're doing. And please report back to me if you could on the shifting environment as far as, you know, basic air conditioning and temperature in the Baltimore region schools.

DR. LEVER: We will.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Do you have anything?

TREASURER KOPP: No. Although I would like to state for the record, Governor, that Senator DeGrange and Delegate Sophocleus noted their support for the Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Company ambulance item. That's Item 11. As you know, Maryland has for an number of years contributed to helping the local volunteer firemen get proper equipment through this loan program. And this is a loan amount of \$136,000 to help the Glen Burnie community. And I said I would note for them for the record, they worked to get this and they got it. I think that's something Gerry Curran would have said.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Any -- yes?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And Lieutenant Governor, since we're congratulating folks, is Secretary Maynard here?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Yeah, he's right here.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could he stand up, please? Because you have done a heroic effort around the, demolishing the Maryland House of Corrections. And we're looking at this new contract we're awarding. But I just wanted to thank you for working with Rodney Little on the, apparently the historic nature of this ancient facility. I think years ago when I first came to the Legislature the Treasurer was figuring out how to demolish the thing because, and now it's actually happening. But the fact that you were able to institutionalize the historic story I guess --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Why don't you come up and tell us about that? That's --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: -- yeah, that is a good story.

TREASURER KOPP: And is it true that 3,000 visitors went through --

GENERAL MAYNARD: Yes, ma'am. The, we worked with the Historical Trust, they are a very good

group to work with. And they required a number of photographs to be taken. So they took photographs of almost everything. Part of the requirement was to do interviews with ex-inmates who had done time in the House of Corrections and current inmates who had done time years ago, and employees. So they interviewed a large number of employees, a large number of inmates. And then they requested that we conduct open public tours. And I attended one of those tours on Saturday and Sunday, and a couple of thousand on one day, and a thousand on another day. And a lot of former employees. A lot of children of former employees. A lot of ex-offenders. A lot of people. But it's really good to work with them. They appear to be very satisfied with the work.

And as you know, this project involves inmate labor. And the first training class you can see the first class over here, 39 inmates who are being trained in hazmat, asbestos abatement, lead paint abatement, closed confinement work, fall protection, all of those safety aspects. It was a four-week class. Every inmate that started,

completed. They all got certificates. They all got a certification that's a lifetime certification. When they get out we'll give that to them and they can get a job in industry.

But it's been a great project. The cost of deconstructing compared to demolishing and putting it in the landfill is almost just about half of what it would have been. And plus we get the 250 inmates trained, plus we keep it out of the landfill, plus we recycle all those materials. So it's a great project. And we very much appreciate the Board's support on this in the past and today.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good job.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you very much, Secretary Maynard. Anything else on the Secretary's Agenda? Hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: None. Let's go on to the next Agenda, which is the Department of Natural Resources Real Property. Good morning.

MS. WILSON: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Emily Wilson with Department of Natural Resources. We have eight items on our Agenda today. I'll be happy to try to answer any questions.

TREASURER KOPP: No, I'd just like to thank you or Mr. Price or whomever it is for putting in the information about the --

MS. WILSON: The lighting?

TREASURER KOPP: -- efficient lighting, yes. It's very good.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. No further discussion or questions, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All of those in favor say, "Aye." Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: None. That Agenda item is approved.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Next is the Department of Budget and Management. Good morning.

MS. FOSTER: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. There are three items on the department's Agenda for today. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Seeing no, hearing no discussion or no questions, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All those in favor say, "Aye." Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Hearing none, DBM's budget is approved. Next, University System of Maryland. Good morning.

MR. STIRLING: Good morning. I'm Jim Stirling from the University System. We have eight items on the published agenda this morning. We'll be happy to address any questions. We did also have a supplemental Item 9. That one has been withdrawn and will be brought back at the next meeting.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Yes, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Item 4-C?

MR. STIRLING: Academic Commons at
Salisbury?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Right. So if I could just right off the bat say I'm a big fan of the project. It's going to accomplish a number of important goals for Salisbury. It allows for the demolition of Caruthers Hall, a venerable old building that has long outlived its life, functional, useful life span. So it's a great project. It's going to allow the University to move out of the old Blackwell Library, which is kind of an ancient structure. Which simply has outlived its life span. And it's going to build a state of the art facility that will attract the best students and faculty in the marketplace. And also it will provide space for the Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture, which is the preeminent center on Eastern Shore scholarship. So it's a great, it's got lots of bells and whistles.

But I'd like you to explain if you could your decision to bypass the lower bidders, all of whom are well known within the industry and have a proven

track record of working successfully with the University System, in favor of the Gilbane Company. Which according to my briefing documents is based in Laurel, Maryland. They are all over --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Exactly. No, they are not based, yeah, they are not based in Laurel, Maryland. They have a little satellite office or something over there. But it's an out of state company and I think it's based up in Rhode Island. But according to my background materials the prospective awardee teamed with designer Ayers Saint Gross brings a superior integrated design-build team and has strong experience. It went on to state the technical superiority of Gilbane's offer outweighed the fact that it was the high bidder. Could someone elaborate a little bit on this? And tell me why we award to the high bidder in this instance?

MR. STIRLING: Well first of all it's not a competitive bid situation. This one is sealed proposals, with technical merit carrying a greater weight than price. We think that's important. This is probably the most significant project that's been

done down at Salisbury in decades and we wanted a strong design and construction team that had worked together, had experience on these types of projects. And this particular group clearly brings that to the table.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I agree. I, well first of all, is this in the RFP, that you are weighing the technical aspects more than the price?

MR. STIRLING: Yes, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. You heard my earlier comments about out of state companies getting contracts from the State. And I'm not going to dwell on that here because I have great respect for the Baltimore based design company that these folks have partnered with. But whoever is doing the contracting here, if you could make sure that these out of state companies are at least properly identified? Because this is not Clark Construction or Whiting Turner. Gilbane is a, I agree a national company, but it's not based here in Maryland. And so if you could help me on that? And you could, basically I'm supportive because of the great partnership they have with

whatever this architectural firm is. Because they are based up in Baltimore.

But let me just ask while you're up here, I see that Salisbury, which is going to get this new library, is the number one ranked baseball team in the country, or spent some time as the number one ranked team, Division III, and now it's fourth. I've been to a few of those games. I want to thank your Athletic Director and your President, your coach for working to give Salisbury, the boys baseball team, the opportunity to play a sport they love and balance it with a quality education, and develop those values of loyalty and teamwork and respect that we all care about in collegiate athletics.

MR. STIRLING: I'll certainly pass that along, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It's pretty impressive that they are ranked fourth in the country. And thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Just to kind of kick around an idea, Madam Secretary, for sort of the Board in the future as sort of a better understanding

of where companies are based, and I'm not sure if this answers the mail. So just think about it and maybe come back. And you could, for example, Gilbane Building Company, you could list where their, maybe their corporate headquarters is, or their main headquarters are. And then indicate that, you know, whatever the appropriate, you know, designation is for what Laurel, their Laurel office represents for them. You know, I too share the Comptroller's concern. And I don't want to revisit the items from the Secretary's Agenda. But on some of those where there was a \$30,000 difference, and I know those were the, the premium or the criteria was weighted more for low bid, you know you've got to ask yourself, does \$30,000, if you spend \$30,000 more, isn't there other benefit to the State? Both State government, Maryland-based companies buying more materials, and I don't know, maybe buying more materials, you know, generating more sales tax, employing more Marylanders and what that means for Marylanders and what it means for Maryland State.

So, because I think people are asking more and more, particularly in these tough times, you know, when it seems like everything we do we attach job creation to it. You know? We want to invest more in transportation funding so we talk about the job creation aspects of it. But then Marylanders are asking, are those Maryland jobs? Or are those, you know, non-Maryland jobs? And I recognize the constitutional limitations on what we're trying to achieve here, which is to do as much in Maryland for Maryland as possible. But we've got to, we've got to look at ways. So I appreciate you raising that on the Secretary's Agenda, and looking at ways that we can perhaps do what other states are doing to ensure that we're doing, we're awarding more and more to Maryland-based companies. Again, recognizing the limitations on it.

So why don't we just see what we can do about identifying companies more accurately? Kind of where the, where they are located. Let's see, anything else on the --

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, could I just --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Oh, yes.

TREASURER KOPP: -- pile on?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: I mean, I think it will be interesting to look at. Of course where companies are headquartered is not always where the preponderance of their jobs --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: -- are. Or the, and the money spent depends on what is being bought --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: -- and where. It could be interesting information, though, within the constraints of commerce. And we don't want our companies knocked out in other states.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: But I would like to point out that the designer, Ayers Saint Gross, is actually nationally and internationally renowned as an outstanding campus planner and architect of academic and I think healthcare buildings. Sort of one of the unsung gems of Maryland. And it's very good to see

them working not only on the University of Baltimore, where they did the Law School as I recall, but now on the Salisbury campus as well.

MR. STIRLING: And they've done several projects for us at College Park as well.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. And the travel plazas --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Hm.

TREASURER KOPP: -- along 95, they are doing. So I think it's also helpful perhaps to give greater recognition, not more money in the contract, to those Maryland firms that really are doing outstanding work.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I couldn't agree with the Treasurer more. And I'm voting, I voted for that because of the partnership --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- that Gilbane had with Ayers. But I would like, since you brought the subject up, for you to itemize some of the design projects that they have had with the State. Because the Treasurer is right. They are very well regarded

nationally and internationally. And the question is, are they regarded locally with that, as translated into Maryland contracts? And since their specialty is public universities, if you could send me a list of those projects over the last few years?

MR. STIRLING: Will do.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Great.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Any other discussion on that item, or any of the other items on USM's calendar?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I do have one --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Yes?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 8-C, which I am very pleased to see on the calendar.

TREASURER KOPP: Would that be a press --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Press box, yes.

Actually, it's a lot more than a press box. I went up there last week and toured the University with Dr. Gibraltar, who is their really dynamic President. And we went over to the field and kicked the tires of their program. And it actually is so much more than a

press box. The current facility is dangerous to go into and has water coming through the roof, etcetera. And it not impressive at all. But the new facility is going to be used to bring in visitors to the University. And it's so much more than a media area that I really appreciated it.

But speaking of amateur athletics, there is a University, Frostburg, where literally there is a couple of feet of snow still on the ground. And they have a full program of women's and men's sports, I think more than 20 teams, that they are operating on a shoestring. Their baseball team, men's baseball team, came down to the Eastern Shore and played Salisbury, who I just mentioned is ranked fourth in the country. They beat them. One out of the three games, but that's still a, and then they went over and played Washington College, another powerhouse. You know, they can't play up in Frostburg because there's too much snow on the field. So these kids are, it's like a totally away schedule they have. But a very impressive program.

Obviously these athletic teams knit the community together up there. They are a great recruiting tool for Frostburg. They are totally within budget. Nobody is spending too much money. And anyway, I just want to, I got involved in this press box thing because it was held up because of the minority and women owned subs. And when we looked at that issue, apparently, thank you for pushing it through, I mean these are all, following up on the Lieutenant Governor, these are all small, independent Maryland companies, these women owned subcontractors. So, I believe. And so following along with what the Lieutenant Governor was saying about putting our taxpayer dollars into good paying, family supporting jobs in Maryland, thank you for doing that. And whoever freed this up and pushed it forward. I think it's going to be a huge positive for Frostburg State, which struggles with its location as you know. And frankly, the weather. Unfortunately because of the delay here at the Board the ribbon cutting is not going to take place before the 2013 football season opens up. Everybody is upset about that, but we'll

take what we can. Just a point that these delays do have an impact on things.

But I would like to salute the Frostburg men's baseball team for a solid season. I'd like to thank you for pushing this through. Lieutenant Governor, your agency staffs. And you know, I had a great tour of Bobcat Stadium. Good project. And a University that's making all sorts of strides despite the weather and the geography.

MR. STIRLING: We do have John Brewer here from Frostburg.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, good. Where is he? John? Was I up there or not? Yes. It's a long way, but it was well worth it. And very, very impressive program and leadership.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Great. Anything else on that item or any other items for USM's calendar?

TREASURER KOPP: Only that I was remiss, but I think it goes without saying on Item 4-C at Salisbury, that of course the Chairman of the

Appropriations Committee is both supportive and appreciative.

MR. STIRLING: So I have heard.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Hearing nothing, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: None. USM's calendar is approved.

MR. STIRLING: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Let's go over to Department of Information Technology. Good morning.

MR. SCHLANGER: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Elliot Schlanger of Department of Information Technology. This morning we have five items on our Agenda. And I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Seeing, hearing no questions, no discussion, the Treasurer

moves approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Any opposed?

(No response.)

TREASURER KOPP: Good work, Mr. Secretary.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: And it passes once again.

MR. SCHLANGER: Thank you much.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: That Agenda is approved. Next, MDOT?

MR. MOBLEY: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Good morning.

MR. MOBLEY: -- Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, Darrell Mobley, Acting Secretary for the Department of Transportation. MDOT is presenting eight items. Items 7 and 8 have been revised. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Just on Item 8.

MR. MOBLEY: Item 8, Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

MR. MOBLEY: Yes, sir. Item 8 is the standard lease contract for the land and facilities at the Martin Airport. It's a lease agreement contract, the standard form for it. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes --

MR. MOBLEY: We do have representatives from the department to answer any additional questions on it.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, no, this is fine. I'm just going to bore people with my father's 91st birthday, where he regaled us all with tales of growing up in Baltimore. And he claims that he went out to the Baltimore Airport, I'm not sure whether it's the Martin State Airport, but it was a dirt runway, municipal airport back in the, this would be 1935.

MR. MOBLEY: Mm-hmm.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And he, his mother took him out there. And he claims, I have no way to dispute this, that they paid Glenn Martin four

dollars. And he would take, he took Dad up and flew him around for a half hour over Baltimore in this huge plane that he had designed. And this is, you know, the future Martin Marietta and Lockheed Martin, and all these great companies. Could that possibly be true?

(Laughter.)

MR. MOBLEY: I would have to research that.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Anyway, he was emphatic that it cost four bucks and he had a half hour ride with Glenn Martin --

MR. MOBLEY: Wow.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- piloting. And but I assume that must have been BWI. Martin State Airport is where?

MR. MOBLEY: Martin State Airport is in Baltimore County.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe that was named for him afterwards. But yeah, well anyway thank you very much.

MR. MOBLEY: You're welcome, Mr. Comptroller. TREASURER KOPP: Since we have a

moment, let me just pile on that one. Not Maryland, but about a hundred years ago, I was told, my grandfather, who came from Schenectady, New York --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Uh-huh.

TREASURER KOPP: -- Robert has heard this, went to Manhattan. And he was always told you could tell the rubes because they looked up at the tall buildings.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Uh-huh.

TREASURER KOPP: So he was walking down Broadway and saw everybody looking up. And he refused to look up because he didn't want them to think he was not sophisticated. Thereby missing the Wright Brothers flying down --

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: I have no idea whether that was true either, but he swore it was.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Mr. Secretary, I do have one question about this, semi-related. The cuts in Washington, it was said that our airports would be among those impacted by not having air control people.

MR. MOBLEY: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: Is that, what's happening?

MR. MOBLEY: That is true, Madam Treasurer. There were five airports reported. Frederick Airport, Martin State Airport was one of them, the Easton Airport, and it was the control towers, their contract staff. And the sequestration would go into effect to reduce the air tower support for those facilities.

TREASURER KOPP: And so what does that mean in terms of --

MR. MOBLEY: What that means is the airport will still remain open. Pilots will be able to still come in and out of the airport. But they will not have the assistance from air tower controllers.

TREASURER KOPP: So they just talk to each other? What do they do?

MR. MOBLEY: They will be able to communicate on their own to land.

TREASURER KOPP: So, "Hey guy, coming in, stay away. You go next." How will we know how safe it is?

MR. MOBLEY: Well with --

TREASURER KOPP: I mean --

MR. MOBLEY: Obviously, right, obviously, I mean, we would certainly like to make sure that those towers are manned so that we can provide that guidance for the aircraft coming in and out, for the small aircraft coming in and out. But without that assistance there will be some challenges.

TREASURER KOPP: When does this begin?

MR. MOBLEY: I'm sorry?

TREASURER KOPP: When does this begin?

MR. MOBLEY: It's scheduled to begin this month, in April, I believe two weeks from now.

TREASURER KOPP: Huh. Well will you keep us informed as to how things --

MR. MOBLEY: I certainly will keep you, I certainly --

TREASURER KOPP: We don't want to read it on the front page of the --

MR. MOBLEY: No, no, I certainly will keep you informed.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Anything else on MDOT's calendar? Okay. Hearing none, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All in favor say, "Aye." Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: None. That's approved. DGS? Final calendar for the day.

MR. COLLINS: Good morning, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Al Collins, Secretary of the Department of General Services. The department has nine items on our Agenda today. And I'll be glad to answer any questions you have at this time.

Mr. Comptroller, I will add that I learned to fly out of Martin State and I highly recommend it.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. COLLINS: But I started at Essex Airpark, where there was no control tower. And those days when it's, as you well know, they can be rough. So I highly, I'm concerned that the Secretary is about to lose, the loss of those folks who really keep us safe out there.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You have a pilot's license?

MR. COLLINS: Yes, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Wow.

TREASURER KOPP: Do you fly now?

MR. COLLINS: After September 11th it just got too crazy in this area, so I retired myself.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent. Move approval.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Seconded by the Treasurer. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Any opposed?

(No response.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Hearing none, that concludes our business for --

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, before, but --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Before we adjourn?

TREASURER KOPP: Before we adjourn, but now that most of the people have cleared the room, it

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would be remiss if I did not introduce my husband, Mr. Kopp. Some of you know and don't --

(Applause.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Welcome to the Board.

TREASURER KOPP: In almost 40 years, Robert has not come too often to Annapolis. But it's --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Excellent.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, smart man.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Anything else? Great. Thank you, everybody.

(Whereupon, at 10:46 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)