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PRESENT

Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, Presiding;

Honorable Peter Franchot, Comptroller;

Sheila C. McDonald, Secretary,
Board of Public Works;

Bart Thomas, Deputy Secretary,
Department of General Services;

T. Eloise Foster, Secretary,
Department of Budget and Management;

James Smith, Secretary,
Department of Transportation;

Emily Wilson, Director, Land Acquisition and Planning,
Department of Natural Resources;

Zenita Wickham Hurley, Special Secretary,
Governor's Office of Minority Affairs;

Mary Jo Childs, Procurement Advisor,
Board of Public Works; and,

Missy Hodges, Recording Secretary,
Board of Public Works.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Good morning, how is everybody doing?

AUDIENCE: Good morning.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Welcome to the December 4th meeting of the Board of Public Works. And I'm Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown presiding in the absence of Governor Martin O'Malley, who is on a trade mission to Brazil and El Salvador. And if you are watching the reports coming back from Brazil, it seems like it is already unfolding to be quite a success as deals are being announced about Brazilian companies who are excited, ready, and will soon be making large investments in Maryland. So I certainly applaud the Governor in leading this delegation of Marylanders to develop opportunities overseas. And I think the weather is -- well the weather is not too bad today but the weather is probably even much better in Brazil.

(Laughter.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. I brought my daughter back to College Park on Sunday to complete her first semester. And while she was excited to return to campus she was sort of bemoaning the fact that she had three weeks of hard studies and final exams. And I said, "Welcome to the real world."

(Laughter.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: We've all got a lot of work to do before the end of the year holidays, and without further ado let me pass it over to the Comptroller for any opening remarks.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

It's great to have you running the meeting, and Treasurer Kopp we miss. I guess she is up in New York, and so our best wishes. You mentioned Brazil and the other day I was speaking to a chamber of commerce and I mentioned one of the great things about my job is that I get to regulate the alcohol industry. And in doing so I met a gentleman from Argentina who had come up to Maryland, married a woman from St. Mary's County, and got hired by her dad. And then after about eight years of that he started two very successful brew pubs. And I met him in my regulatory mode, I guess. And I said to him in passing, "What was the difference between doing business in Argentina or up here in the United States?" And he said, "I couldn't have done this in Argentina because I come from a working class background and the country's economy is much different than it is up here. I couldn't get loans from a bank because I wasn't from the right background. But up here in the United States I had the opportunity. And here I am."

And I told that to the Crofton Chamber of Commerce actually yesterday and a woman came up to me and she said, "You know, I listened to that about Argentina. I'm from Brazil. And I'm the manager of the M&T Bank in Crofton. And there is absolutely no way I could have done that back in my own country, even though I have a college degree, because of the way the economy is structured."

So just a brief note to say we live in the greatest state in the greatest country, fantastic system. And all the frustrations that we put up with, and obviously I complain about things from time to time. Hey, this is a fabulous system we have. And people all over the world want to come to this country and participate in it.

And just briefly, Lieutenant Governor, I'm awarding Maryland Masters Awards to three students in each of Maryland's 24 school districts. I'm enjoying this a lot. Later on today I will be recognizing Cameron Benton from Mill Creek Middle School in Calvert County. He's done a wonderful print of a cougar. It is quite a work of art. His work along with those of other fine student artists from around Maryland will be on display in my office. Like an acrylic self-portrait by Kaitlynn Motley, a senior at Howard High School in Ellicott City; and a pen and ink drawing of a cherry tree by Grace Davis, a fourth grader at Fruitland Elementary School.

Lieutenant Governor Brown, I'd love to have you swing by and take a look at the office. Because all of this artwork is up. It just shows what our students in Maryland are capable of. It makes me very optimistic about the future. And I do it because the knowledge-based economy of the future demands an unprecedented creativity and skill in the visual arts. Businesses I speak with say they don't need people that are technology experts. They say they can train technology. What they need are creative people who can produce content for these incredible systems that we are anticipating down the road.

So I believe that the future depends in Maryland on an economy of a marriage between technology and creativity. Our schools are doing phenomenal work to do that and a privilege for me to get to know these talented young people. I can tell you that these kids are the pride of their families and their communities, and I encourage everyone, not just the folks here, but everyone listening at home if you want to stop by and check out the art in my office I'd love to welcome you. And it is a window into brighter days ahead for the State of Maryland.

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. And since you did sort of open a window on the regulation, and you didn't mention but the taxation of alcohol, you know I'm putting you and your staff on the spot. But on this eightieth anniversary of the appeal of prohibition, are you celebrating or lamenting that?

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You know, someone once told me that you don't have to have a drink to enjoy yourself at dinner. But why take a chance?

(Laughter.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. And with that --

(Laughter.)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: -- let's turn to the Secretary's Agenda. Good morning.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Comptroller. We have 18 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning. We have one report of an emergency procurement. We are prepared to answer any questions. And we also have some speakers to support two grants in the African American Heritage Preservation Program.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: And that's Item 16?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: That's Item 16.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Great. So why don't we invite them to --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Ms. Raines and her grantees? There she is. Yeah.

MS. RAINES: Good morning.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Hi, how are you?

MS. RAINES: I am Anne Raines. I am the grants administrator at the Maryland Historical Trust. And while everyone is moving up to the podium here I'll just say a couple of words about how wonderful these particular projects are that are before you today.

The first project is the Christ Rock Methodist Episcopal Church Renovation, which you might remember in its before state. It is looking much better today. It has been lifted. The foundation has been basically replaced. You can see daylight right under it but it has been set back down at this point. And Herschel Johnson, who is President at the Friends of Stanley Institute will say a few words about the project but first I would like to say a couple of words about Herschel.

He has been a wonderful grantee. I have worked with him for about three years and he is always on top of things. And at this point he is an expert in our grant processes. And he has really begun recently reaching out and sharing his knowledge and experience generously with others who are trying to go through the same program. So with that, Herschel Johnson?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Good morning, Mr. Johnson.

MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor Brown, Mr. Comptroller, members of the Board of Public Works. I didn't think I was going to be first.

(Laughter.)

MR. JOHNSON: But we are fortunate enough that we have two buildings that have easements from the Maryland Historical Trust. And the Stanley Institute, the one-room school which is across the road from the church,

and we are working on the church now. And we hope that we will be an example of what the Governor when he gave the, when he set up the five-year plan for the grants for the African American Heritage, we hope that when you come to the Eastern Shore that you will come to see those two buildings. Because when they are finished, when the church is finished, the school is finished now, but when the church is finished we will have two buildings that will be I think a credit to the State of Maryland. We are 8.4 miles from the future Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Park, or State Park. And we are on the Harriet Tubman Underground Byway. And we just, we are proud of what we have done. We have a little ways to go, but we have gotten this far, and with the help of the Maryland Historical Trust and Ms. Anne Raines. It has been great working with them. And hopefully we will have that project complete maybe by 2015.

So if there are any questions I'll be glad to answer them.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: No. Thank you for your presentation and thank you for your commitment to preserving our heritage and history.

MR. JOHNSON: And thank you all too for helping us.

MS. RAINES: Now that I've caught my breath from coming up the steps, I am going to introduce to you Shirley Gaskins who is the President of the Oriole Historical Society. The Oriole Historical Society's involvement with the Maryland Historical Trust goes back to about 1994 when they were awarded the first of two grants to restore the exterior of this church down in Oriole, which is further west from Princess Anne. So it's not quite on the beaten path.

We have a staff member who inspects all of our easement properties to make sure they are in good condition. And this staff member was so impressed after we hadn't visited this property for a while at how well kept it was that he

wrote the most complimentary letter. Now of course the interior had not been done but the exterior is being kept in absolutely pristine condition. And this by a group of caretakers most of whom don't even live anywhere near this property.

So this project is going to assist them in restoring the interior of the property and I have no question that they will keep that up just as well as they have done with the exterior. So Shirley Gaskins?

MS. GASKINS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. We are and we have worked so hard since 1989 to get the church in shape enough to present it to the Maryland Historical Trust for consideration of grants. The church had been abandoned for close to 50 years. No one was there. And it was considered to be torn down, or whatever they had to do with it, but we had to do something. So we got together, all of the descendants of the original builders, and we made a pledge that we were going to try to restore the church. So since that time -- excuse me, I get emotional when I talk about it.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Take your time.

MS. GASKINS: Since that time we have, we're so spread out throughout the country that we have to get together by conference call sometimes. And we meet mostly in Cambridge and in Princess Anne on a quarterly basis. And so it's been very difficult. But so far we are proud. We really are proud because you would not know that the church had been abandoned from the outside. It looks just like it was going on any Sunday morning. But we are working on the inside now and this is what this grant is for.

This is our Past President David Mattox. He is here to support me. And is there anything you wanted to say, David?

MR. MATTOX: No.

(Laughter.)

MR. MATTOX: Really I don't have anything else to say, but to say thank you. We surely appreciate the grant. And we will make the State of Maryland proud that we are here.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Mattox and Ms. Gaskins, and we also appreciate your efforts, your commitment to preserving our history and our heritage. And while my understanding is the church will not be used as a church, it will be fine meeting place for members of the community. And so thank you very much for your commitment.

MS. GASKINS: Yes. I hope, we hope to have it museum quality. Because of the African American watermen community there. There are still a lot of descendants all over the country, and mainly in Maryland and Philadelphia and Baltimore. And so we're working very hard to get it on the Chesapeake Trail as a tourist attraction. So that's about it.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you.

MS. GASKINS: Thank you so much.

MS. RAINES: And Joni Jones, who is the Director of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, she's going to wrap up for one second. Thank you very much.

DR. JONES: Good morning, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Good to see you again so soon.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: That's right. I just saw you yesterday.

DR. JONES: Mr. Comptroller, yes, members of the Board. Again, my name is Joni Jones and I am the Director of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture. The Commission is an administrative unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. And as that is our home

and as our momentum, we are going to be working very closely with all of the grant awardees to build capacity and sustainability.

With my other hat I am the Director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum. So in that capacity we will be working with these groups to help them with their exhibits, help them with their programming, and we are just very excited about that.

We are also excited of course about our continued partnership with the Maryland Historical Trust. That has been a wonderful opportunity, to grow the reach of African American Heritage throughout the State. They are the grant administrators of the State and we serve as the subject matter experts. We are, we are actively involved. We are the lead with review and ranking and then as I said with the second part, and that is sustainability.

And speaking of sustainability, I was very happy to see the Mayor of Cambridge here. She can speak to the wonderful projects that are going on in her municipality. So I won't speak too much about those. But I just want to say we are happy with this partnership and you will be seeing us again as we work to extend it. Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you. Madam Secretary, anything else?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: No, there wasn't anything else special on the Agenda.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Did you have any questions --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: -- if there's no questions we're okay with it.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay, great. So the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Lieutenant Governor. All those in favor say, "Aye,"

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: None. You know, and opposed -- well, there's only two of us. Right? It's unanimous.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: There you go. Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Congratulations. Okay. Let's move on to the DNR Real Property Agenda.

MS. WILSON: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Good morning.

MS. WILSON: -- and Mr. Comptroller. Emily Wilson with Maryland Department of Natural Resources. That's a tough act to follow but we have six items on our Agenda today and I'd be happy to try to answer any questions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Seeing no questions or comments, I'll move approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: That Agenda is approved. Thank you.

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Now we turn to DBM, good morning.

MS. FOSTER: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller. There are 11 items on the Department of Budget and Management's Agenda for today and we'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: No?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Seeing no questions, hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Lieutenant Governor. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: It is unanimously approved. We'll go over to USM. Good morning.

MR. STIRLING: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Comptroller. I'm Jim Stirling from the University System. We have two items on today's Agenda and I'll be happy to address any questions you might have.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: The Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Lieutenant Governor. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Unanimously approved. Thank you. Next is Department of Information Technology. Good morning.

MR. SCHLANGER: Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Comptroller, for the record, Elliot Schlander, Department of Information Technology. This morning we have seven items on our Agenda. I would like to withdraw Item 7-IT. And at this point I would be happy to answer any questions on the remaining items.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: And do you intend to bring back Item 7 at the next meeting of the Board of Public Works?

MR. SCHLANGER: That is correct.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. Any questions or comments?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: It's great to see Mr. Schlanger here. I'm delighted.

MR. SCHLANGER: It's an honor to be back, Mr. Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'll sleep better tonight.

(Laughter.)

MR. SCHLANGER: Thank you for those kind words of faith.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I move approval.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: The Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Lieutenant Governor. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Unanimously approved. Thank you. MDOT?

MR. SMITH: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, Jim Smith, Transportation Secretary. MDOT is presenting 13 items, as Items 11, 15, and 16 have been withdrawn. I'm happy to answer any questions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: I know that the Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley is here from Cambridge. Are you here on Item 14? Or -

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Yes, Governor, actually.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Did you want to share any words? Or you are just here for support?

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Thank you for the opportunity. I'm here to support.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Come on up. I want to hear --

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Well, good morning.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I like this project.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor, and Comptroller, and others, members of the Cabinet. And I want to thank James Smith for the opportunity to come forth and to speak. Thank you so much. I'm excited.

(Laughter.)

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: And very seldom am I at a loss for words, but today I am. I just want to say yes, I am in support of Item 14. We at the City of Cambridge are very anxious to move forward with that project. And because of the support from the Department of Transportation, and Planning, and Economic Development, all of these things moving forward. But this is the first step of a new beginning for that property. And I do appreciate the Board of Public Works favorably passing that particular item on behalf of the City of Cambridge.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And no, it's terrific. I think the project's got a lot of potential, too.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I really appreciate the Secretary. These are not easy items to get through, obviously, all the bureaucracy, so the ability to get this started and before us. And I take it, what are the next steps now after this is approved? If I could ask?

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Yeah, we want to, should we ask the Secretary that?

MR. SMITH: Yes. We, the next step would be, assuming that we don't have any claims from any, you know, governments that have the, and a superior right, it would be a transfer of an assignment of the property to the City of Cambridge.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Right. And so, and as I see in my memo that that will come back to the Board of Public Works?

MR. SMITH: Yes.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Transfer the property, approve of a master development agreement.

MR. SMITH: Right.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Does the Board of Public Works approve the master development agreement? Or that's just part of the --

MR. SMITH: That's just part of the transfer.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Okay. And then there will be also an exclusive negotiation privilege extended to the Jerome Parks Companies.

MR. SMITH: And that will be in the hands of the City of Cambridge.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Right.

MR. SMITH: So they will be in charge of not just that exclusive but also the property itself. So, and I know they are very excited about it, and so are we very excited about it.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Great --

MR. SMITH: And there is an additional, we are also, have advised that we are going to contribute from various sources, Senator Coburn got money in the last session of the General Assembly, and DBED is putting some money in, MDOT is putting some money in. So we will have about \$2.5 million toward the repair of bulkheads and wharf. So, I mean, it's, we're not just handing it over with not a little bit of help along the way. So it's, it's pretty exciting.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Yes.

MR. SMITH: I know the Mayor is excited.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: And I assume, you know, we will be partners along the way in terms of, you know, technical assistance, and advice, and counsel, and --

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Absolutely.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: We're here to help.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: We're very hopeful that that partnership will continue on all levels. So we're very excited about the potential.

MR. SMITH: Right.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well, that's good news. And the developer has been chosen and he's high quality. And --

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Well the developer was chosen a year and a half, two years ago --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, exactly. But this is a --

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: -- it's a continuation.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- you know, these are complicated projects to --

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- do in a sustainable fashion. So thank you for your leadership. And Mr. Secretary, thank you for keeping an eye on it.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Thank you. And lastly on behalf of the City of Cambridge, I wish you a Happy Holiday.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, great.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you.

MS. JACKSON-STANLEY: Thank you.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Anything else on either Item 14 or anything else on the MDOT Agenda? Hearing none, I will move approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Unanimously approved. Department of General Services.

MR. THOMAS: Good morning, Lieutenant Governor --

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Good morning.

MR. THOMAS: -- and Mr. Comptroller. I'm Bart Thomas, Deputy Secretary of General Services. The Secretary sends his apologies. He is at a funeral for a close friend in Baltimore today. The department has 20 items on our Agenda. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Lieutenant Governor. All those in favor say, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Unanimously approved.

Thank you. If there is no other business of the Board of Public Works, I move to adjourn.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Second.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BROWN: Thank you. Thank you, everybody. Happy Holidays.

(Whereupon, at 10:26 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)