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GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much. Good morning. As we begin, I just wanted to first open up the meeting and just say a few quick words about the shooting over at Morgan State last night. Unfortunately for quite a few folks, quite a few of us, last night ended up becoming a very late night and unfortunately, we are having to open up another Board of Public Works meeting acknowledging the fact that there is a very real violence problem that we have in our society.

You know, since last night our teams have been in close coordination with Morgan State, with the City of Baltimore, with federal authorities, with President Wilson over at Morgan State, and we have offered and will continue to offer every State resource available for both understanding and getting justice for what happened yesterday, and then also dealing with the very real fact that Morgan State is going to have a healing process that they are going to have to go through with their students, with their staff, their faculty, and the larger community. And this happened to fall on Homecoming week, a week that was supposed to be a celebratory week. A week where we celebrate the fact that our State is blessed to have a national treasure like Morgan State University, where Morgan State every single year produces our State's and our nation's future engineers and educators and nurses and doctors and entrepreneurs and public servants. And unfortunately, because of the actions of last night, some of them are now recovering in a hospital with gunshot wounds.

There is -- we as a society, we cannot allow this to stand. Because

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if we allow this to stand, we are all going to fall. And we both have to deal with the very real issue of why it is so easy for people to get their hands on firearms, and why it's so easy for those who have their hands on firearms to be willing to pull the trigger at another human being. We've got to deal with both. And we will. But as the investigations continue and more things come to light, we just would encourage anyone who has information on this shooting and on this act from last night to please come forward and to work and cooperate and, as we mentioned, all State resources that are available to assist have been and will continue to be deployed to be able to help Morgan State through this process.

But with that, I want to -- well, first, any other comments from our colleagues?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No. I echo everything you said, Governor. And thank you. We are all thinking of students at Morgan and need to continue tackling the gun violence issue. I think it's clear that Americans and Marylanders will never be free of fear while it is so easy to obtain a gun in this country. Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: And Mr. Secretary, Secretary Gontrum, good morning.

SECRETARY GONTRUM: Good morning, Governor. Good morning to you, Madam Comptroller and to you, Mr. Chief Deputy Treasurer. There are 21 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning.

GOVERNOR MOORE: I forgot to --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: I apologize, I got -- Mr. Deputy Treasurer, it's great to have you here this morning.

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(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: I apologize, everybody. I --

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: All good.

GOVERNOR MOORE: -- I'm sorry.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: He's exhausted --

GOVERNOR MOORE: It's very obvious --

(Laughter.)

SECRETARY GONTRUM: There are 21 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning and five reports of emergency procurements. At the request of the Department of Housing and Community Development, I am withdrawing Item 9. At the request of the Department of Health, I am withdrawing Item 21, leaving 19 items on the Board's agenda this morning, along with the five reports of emergency procurement. I'm happy to assist with answering any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Thank you so much, Mr. Secretary. I would like to call up Item 6, and that's specifically the wetlands license that we are being asked to approve from the National Aquarium.

Approving this license today is going to allow the Aquarium's plans to move forward on something pretty special. It's going to be, you know, a first of its kind floating wetland exhibit. Yeah, it's pretty cool. It's pretty cool. And we're incredibly excited about this project and the addition to the Inner Harbor. And joining us today is Ryan Fredriksson, who is the Vice President of Governmental Affairs at the National Aquarium. Mr. Fredriksson, it is great to see you here this morning. Thank you so much. And we would love to hear why, share with everybody why we are all very excited about this project.

MR. FREDRIKSSON: Well, we certainly are very excited at the

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National Aquarium, Mr. Governor. And thank you, and good morning, Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Deputy Treasurer Martin. For the record, my name is Ryan Fredriksson, Vice President of Government Affairs at the National Aquarium. It's a pleasure to be with you this morning to request your favorable vote on the National Aquarium's wetland license.

This license will allow the National Aquarium to move forward with a very exciting, innovative, and privately funded wetland project in the Inner Harbor. This project will see approximately 10,000 square feet in combined floating wetlands, in education platforms installed to create a beautiful, free, and new outdoor amenity for Inner Harbor visitors. Once complete, these floating wetlands will welcome visitors of all ages and show that urban waterfronts can be healthy and thriving natural spaces.

Floating wetlands create new vital habitat among the hardened shorelines of the Inner Harbor and they improve water quality by removing excess nutrients from the water. We are thrilled at the potential for the floating wetlands and education platform to welcome thousands of students from across the State of Maryland to provide hands on STEM learning experiences. And last, but certainly not least, this project is an innovative replicable model for transforming post-industrial waterfront cities like Baltimore to connect communities, waterways, and wildlife with accessible and free greenspace.

So this project is the first of its kind anywhere in the country. We are incredibly excited for Maryland and the City of Baltimore to lead the way, and we are confident that it won't be the last. So thank you for your continued support of the National Aquarium and I'm happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much, Mr. Fredriksson.

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This is really exciting. It's really exciting. We are proud to support this project. We remain grateful to the Aquarium for the vision and the work that you all are doing every day. Please pass on also our regards to our friend John Racanelli and the entire Aquarium team. But really tremendous work, so thank you so much.

MR. FREDRIKSSON: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR MOORE: I would also like to call up Item 14, which is a request from the Maryland Stadium Authority and that's to award \$6.6 million in construction management services to begin renovations on M&T Bank Stadium.

This is the first contract that is being presented before the Board that is funded by the \$1.2 billion that was authorized by the General Assembly through House Bill 896 in the 2022 legislative session. This is a historic investment. It is a historic investment that was split evenly between M&T Bank Stadium and also Oriole Park, and it's available to both teams upon the execution of leases by the respective teams. And in the past Board, before this BPW and in January of this year, the Board of Public Works approved a 15-year base lease for the Ravens. And in the near future, we look forward to bringing a lease agreement for the Orioles to this Board as well. And I do think it's important to take a moment to remind everybody that in these types of multi-decade, multi-billion dollar commercial deals, that memorandums of understanding, like the ones that we announced last week, that they are not only commonplace, but in many cases they are prerequisites and a key step to being able get deals done. And last week's incredibly important announcement was the product of diligent, thoughtful, and months-long negotiations. We now have the final framework that was necessary to move forward with finalizing the deal that will keep the Orioles

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for 30 years and, mark my words, and you can bet on it, the Orioles will be here for 30 years.

I want to be clear about something from the start. This is about more than just sports. This is bigger than baseball. This is not just about a baseball stadium. This agreement will play a critical role in shaping the economic future of the City of Baltimore and our State, and it will unlock opportunities for generations of Baltimoreans and generations of Marylanders. This agreement incentivizes additional private capital, it stimulates investment in our downtown core, it secures business opportunities for small and minority and women owned businesses, something that has been a heavy priority of this Board of Public Works. This is a defining moment for the City and a defining moment for the State. And if the Orioles were playing baseball surrounded by a City that did not have a strategic plan, then we would have missed this moment. And shame on us if we missed the opportunity to partner with one of our City's crown jewels, the Baltimore Orioles, and not reimagine how we can work together to actually shape the City's future.

So from the start, I was very clear that we had three universal goals. One, we needed to do something that kept the Orioles here for generations to come. A short term deal was off the table. It was a non-starter. The second piece, this agreement had to reflect our role as stewards of State resources. And the third, we needed an agreement that did not just create winners on the field. We needed an agreement that created winners off of the field. And that agreement that was secured last Thursday achieves all three objectives.

Our focus now turns to working together to produce these final agreements as quickly as possible, and lawyers from both the Orioles and also the

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State are working to finalize those agreements literally as we speak. And I want to conclude with a few words of thanks and acknowledgement. First, to the Baltimore Orioles for not only giving us an incredible, an incredibly exciting year, a year where we're going to have the Rookie of the Year, but we will have the Manager of the Year, but we're going to have some series that come out of it. But also for their commitment to playing a vital role in shaping the future of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

To Craig Thompson, the Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority, for his visionary leadership and for his countless hours that he has spent getting us to this crucial point. For all of our true baseball fans, we know what a WAR is. Well, Craig Thompson's WAR is pretty high.

To members of the Stadium Authority board, for their continued hard work and commitment. To my partners on this Board, Comptroller Lierman, Treasurer Davis, for their feedback and support along the way. To our Attorney General Anthony Brown, whose office worked closely with the MSA, providing invaluable and expert legal counsel that has allowed us to move this process forward. To our presiding officers, Speaker Jones and Senate President Ferguson, for their partnership and shared focus on producing an agreement that will have a generational impact on our society. And to the loyal fans of Birdland for their enthusiasm and their support in keeping the Os right here in Baltimore, which is exactly where they belong.

This is Maryland. We do big things in Maryland. There is going to be World Series baseball in Baltimore, and not just this year, but for years to come. And we look forward to bringing a final agreement before the Board of Public Works. We are excited about the lasting impact that this is going to have

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on the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, and we're getting ready to Take October.

So with that, is there any further discussion on that item or any other item on the Secretary's Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No. Let's go Os!

GOVERNOR MOORE: Let's go Os!

(Laughter.)

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: I'm good.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Can I make one comment --

GOVERNOR MOORE: Please, of course.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: -- that is on the Secretary's Agenda but isn't about that item? Okay. Thank you, Governor. Thanks for those comments and for all your diligence and for working with us. I'm excited to continue it.

I did want to make a comment just on Items 17 and 18, which have to do with the Maryland Stadium Authority, some other fields and stadiums. These are requests from the Maryland Stadium Authority to award contracts for design and pre-construction services for the Arthur Perdue and Prince George's Stadiums in Salisbury and Bowie, respectively, stadiums I've been to with my children and am excited to return to. I just wanted to quickly share how excited I am for these and other projects in the pipeline and express my appreciation to the staff of the Stadium Authority for addressing inquiries from my office regarding the sustainability of these projects. So once the design phases are complete the MSA returns to the Board for modifications after negotiating the construction

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contracts. I'm looking forward to hearing from MSA specifically how the final designs of these important projects will meet and hopefully exceed the energy performance standards and compliance with the Climate Solutions Now Act. These are huge structures that we need to last multiple lifetimes. And so it's essential, of course, that they be built sustainably. And I appreciate, I just wanted to say that I appreciate the Stadium Authority for their diligence on that and ensuring it happens and their conversations about it. Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much. Thank you. And we are also, along those lines, we're pleased to be joined once again, there he is -- oh. I was expecting a different -- oh, I like the shirt, though, the shirt. We are pleased once again to be joined by our distinguished Delegate from the Shore, from legislative district 38B, Carl Anderton, who is speaking in support of Item 17. It's always a good day to come. You're becoming a regular BPW --

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: I know.

GOVERNOR MOORE: -- I love it.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Yes, so the more you see me, the better we're doing. So --

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Cousin, it's good to see you --

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good to see you, cousin.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- wants to know when you're going to be able to come hang out at the Governor's Mansion --

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- it's really cool for me, especially,

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you know, growing up there, it's a mix of high school friends and then, you know, family and my people and a couple of colleagues, you know, having everybody together and just it's a weird day. But I really enjoy it. I look forward to it.

You know, speaking of the stadiums, congratulations on Oriole Park. What we're going to do is going to revolutionize the game. Once again, we're going to repeat 1992 when we built Camden Yards. Every other stadium, every other city wanted what we have. When we get this done, every other stadium, every other city is going to want what we have. And ours is going to be better than Atlanta. So --

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- I'll just say that.

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- it's a little personal note there, you know. We would displace 50 to 60 hardworking Marylanders who like to eat scrapple on game days. So if you would, but as for Perdue Stadium, it's phenomenal that we're at this point. I mean, it's been a long journey.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: It's exciting.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: I really appreciate, once again, with the Lieutenant Governor sitting there, each one of you walked your talk, you know? You say you're going to do something, and you do it. I mean, nothing is more reassuring in life than that. And the ability to have this stadium in our hometown is something that is vital when we are out attracting businesses and entrepreneurs to come into the area. Because what I hear when I meet with folks, especially from larger corporations, they want places where they can live, work, and play. You know? And so we have the facility, we have the ability for them

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to work. We have the entertainment. And then we have, of course, the airport, you know? Which is a big transportation hub for us on the East Coast, to bring folks in and out easily. And so this is just a vital piece of that to go along with our higher institution learning facilities, colleges. I've never been to one, but they seem nice. High schools, I did go to a high school --

(Laughter.)

DELEGATE ANDERTON: -- you know, but it's just really good to have these pieces in place and to be able to keep them. And like you said, Madam Comptroller, to move forward generations with a sustainable building that will outlast all of us. And that's the whole point of this. We want to leave a generational blessing behind us. And you know, every day I pray for a financial, a physical, and a spiritual blessing for everyone. And this is something -- it may not do the spiritual part, but it's going to do the physical and the financial. Because all those things come in line with economic growth. And I'm just really excited. That is a big driver of mine personally, is to see people thrive economically. And this is a piece, that although you may not see it as such, it is a vital piece to that as we attract businesses to the area. So again, I just want to thank you for your eternal commitment to the Lower Shore and Wicomico County. And I look forward to being here many, many times, because I won't take anything for granted. I mean, if you live this life, you will take everything as a blessing. So I will be here for everything. Because I don't ever want you to think for a moment that I take anything that happens here for granted because it's all a blessing for all of us. So thank you all so much.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: You are a blessing, Delegate.

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COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Yeah.

GOVERNOR MOORE: You're a blessing. Thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. And sincerely, thanks for your leadership. Not just for your district, but for our entire State.

DELEGATE ANDERTON: Thank you for the opportunity.

GOVERNOR MOORE: We appreciate you. Thank you so much. Is there any further discussion on that? Okay. Great. Is there a motion to approve the Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Motion to approve the Secretary's Agenda.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thank you much. Thank you. We're going to proceed with the Department of Natural Resources Agenda. Ms. Wilson, good morning. It is great to see you.

MS. WILSON: Good morning. Great to see you, too. Thank you, Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Chief Deputy Treasurer, Emily Wilson with the Department of Natural Resources. We have eight items on our DNR Real Property Agenda, including one supplemental, for your consideration today. I'm happy to try and answer any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Wonderful. Thank you so much. I would actually like to call up Item 8A, which directs \$4 million in Project Open Space funds to support the Sparrows Point Park project. This is an incredibly important project, and I know it has been a top priority for the County Executive, County Executive Olszewski, and the community. And I want to commend the

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partnership between the county and Tradepoint Atlantic and their hard work to bring this project to reality. The Lieutenant Governor and I actually had a chance to see the site when we visited Tradepoint back in April. And we are excited and eager to advance this funding today because once complete, this 21.5 acre community park will also include a 16,000 square foot recreation center, a multi-sport athletic field, walking paths, picnic areas, piers, many other things. And we want to take a moment just to thank Baltimore County for their commitment to exploring alternative artificial turfs also for this project. And I want to commend Secretary Kurtz for his commitment to updating the Program Open Space handbook and recommend utilizing alternative artificial turf that do not pose environmental and safety concerns that many, including our Lieutenant Governor and our Comptroller, who have been leading on this, have rightly pointed out.

We are also pleased today to be joined by Bob Smith, who is the Director of Recreation and Parks for Baltimore County, who can speak more about the importance of this project. But before we call up Director Smith, I want to point out that Bob has been working for the Department of Rec and Parks for more than 30 years, starting as a teenager and holding part-time jobs in Baltimore County's east side. Another thing, you know, he is a guy who gets stuff done. He is a fellow Army veteran, having served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. And there is one thing that I know about Sergeants in the Army, they are the ones who actually do the work and actually get things done. And joining Director Smith is Laura Ray, of the Edgemere-Sparrows Point Rec Council. So Director Smith and Ms. Ray, welcome, and thank you both so much for joining us.

MR. SMITH: Hooah, sir.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Hooah.

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MR. SMITH: Good morning.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning, Sergeant.

MR. SMITH: Good morning, Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Deputy Treasurer Martin. We're seeking approval for the Program Open Space funds for the Sparrows Point Park. As the Governor addressed, it will contain multiple amenities, including a 16,000-square foot platinum LEED designed building, which will be the first platinum LEED designed building in Baltimore County. Inside of that facility will be a double gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, office space, and concession areas, a 10,000-foot fully accessible playground, an LED lit synthetic turf multi-sport athletic field, walking trails, fishing piers, and associated driveways and parking areas. This is the first major new park development in Southeast Baltimore County in over 20 years addressing an existing and longstanding gap in facility availability in the Edgemere-Sparrows Point area for recreation needs.

The department has long sought the ability to add appropriate recreation spaces to this community but has lacked the opportunity to acquire and develop these spaces until now, thanks to the land donation from Tradepoint Atlantic. This park represents a generational opportunity for the department to finally meet the needs of the residents of this community by transforming this portion of the old Bethlehem Steel Mill property into a sustainably designed and accessible modern park. This park will represent a unique opportunity to provide a quality recreational amenity aimed at servicing the unique needs of one of our older communities, pay homage to the history of the peninsula, and fostering synergy with one of our newest economic drivers in the region. I'm sure this park will be a transformational project for Southeast Baltimore County and we are

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respectfully seeking the approval of this request.

GOVERNOR MOORE: So am I, Sergeant. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Madam Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much for being here. You don't have to stand. You can --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: I really appreciate you being here and excited that this park is on my side of the County, since I live in Fells Point. So, Governor, thank you so much for your comments and for your work and leadership. Item 8A involves using Program Open Space funding for a variety of things, including building an artificial turf field. And so I just want to talk a little bit about this practice before we vote. I won't (indiscernible), I am voting for this item. Baltimore County has never had guidance that we shouldn't use Program Open Space dollars for artificial turf. And this program, this project, is much more than just an artificial turf field. It's, as both the Governor and Bob have explained, a really transformative project for Southeast Baltimore County, including an incredible number of elements that are very sustainable, like the platinum LEED designed building. And so I want to thank him, as well as County Executive Olszewski, for their conversations, for their openness to some alterations, and the work that they are doing to build a park that will last for generations.

Also, they are interestingly not converting a beautiful greenspace to a plastic field. The space that they are building on is actually a contaminated space. So it is different in many ways than what we often see when we are

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building an artificial turf field.

But I did want to talk a little bit about Program Open Space, a program that I have a history with and have such great respect for. And it is a really important example of the need for our State agencies to build resilience into their missions to ensure that we are building not just for the next 40 years -- for the next 40 years, not just the next four. So I have enjoyed my conversations. I really want to thank the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources Josh Kurtz and the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Program Open Space, Senator Sarah Elfreth and Delegate Robbyn Lewis, over the last several weeks. I thank them for being open-minded in our discussions and their thoughtfulness. The joint committee chairs and I guess Secretary Kurtz, it also appears that they are ready to sort of take up the issue of what types of materials can be funded by Program Open Space funds, specifically as it relates to artificial turf.

I happen to think that artificial turf is not the win-win solution that many prior park directors believed it would be, and its costs are starting to be borne now by those playing on the fields and being injured or suffering staph infections, and will be borne by our kids in the future when they have to pay the incredible costs of disposing of the fields before replacements. But today, I just want to focus on Program Open Space dollars and their usage.

So Program Open Space was established under the DNR in 1969 to demonstrate our State's "long-term commitment to conserving our natural resources, while providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities for our citizens." And I don't believe that converting greenspace to plastic and rubber fields, or I do believe that converting greenspace to plastic and rubber fields is actually the antithesis of conserving natural resources. But I think perhaps even

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more importantly, it is time for all of our State programs to embrace the statutory mandate from Climate Solutions Now, which requires the State to develop plans, adopt regulations, and implement programs that reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. And of course, as we all know, per State statute, each State agency must review its planning, regulatory and fiscal programs to identify and recommend actions to more fully integrate the consideration of Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goals and the impact of climate change. That includes Program Open Space.

As of April 2022, Maryland had at least 380 synthetic turf playing fields, amounting to more than 71,000 tons of plastic carbon and infill, nearly 130,000 cubic yards of infill, and 539 acres of plastic carpet. These synthetic turf fields have a large carbon footprint and their toxic substances end up as forever waste. Their plastic carpets emit greenhouse gases, like ethylene and methane, continuously through their lifetime. And that doesn't even get into the production of the plastic, which of course emits greenhouse gases.

The National Park and Recreation Association has indicated that the high surface level temperatures reported on these fields compared to natural turf have been well documented. The grass fields rarely get above 100 degrees, all of us probably grew up playing on grass, we remember. But the surface temperature of synthetic turf is 37 degrees higher than asphalt and 86 degrees higher than natural turf. So that means when we are building artificial turf fields, with the increase in temperatures over the coming decades that we are going to see, we won't even be able to use these fields safely because they will be too hot to touch.

So if we are going to keep our kids and athletes safe from burns

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and from heatstroke and more, and we are going to fully implement climate solutions now, it's up to our State agencies, including DNR -- and I know that Secretary Kurtz is all over this; he has a new little baby who he wants to be able to play on fields -- to ensure that we are identifying ways to build climate resilience into our State programs, including our local grant programs. So after discussing this issue with the Joint Committee on Program Open Space, I'm glad they have agreed to take this issue on. And they will be working with DNR and our local governments to ensure that State funding and State programs are being used for climate friendly green infrastructure and natural products.

I can also say that in the future, now that we have identified this as an issue, I will look much more skeptically at approving funding through programs like Program Open Space that impact our natural environment in a way that increases greenhouse gas emissions and reduces climate resiliency rather than increasing it. I believe it is essential that we move rapidly to redirect our precious State resources toward building climate resilient infrastructure. And I think our kids will thank us for it. So thank you so much, Mr. Governor. Thank you to Baltimore County, and to Secretary Kurtz. Thanks.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Hear, hear. Thank you so much. Thank you. And we definitely share your concerns.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: And we are, you know, we hope that the Legislature can definitely provide clarity on this question. In the meantime, we will encourage all local grantees to explore using alternative artificial turf. And with that, is there any other discussion on the DNR Agenda? Okay, great. Thank you so much. Thank you so much.

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MS. RAY: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Next up, University System of Maryland. Mr. Hickey is going to -- oh, we do have to approve the Agenda first. I apologize. Is there a motion to approve the Agenda, the DNR Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right. We have officially done our job here on DNR. Thank you all very much. Thank you. Mr. Hickey, it is good seeing you virtually this morning.

MR. HICKEY: Good to see you, Governor. Good morning. I apologize for not being there in person. COVID got me. So --

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Oh no, I thought you were someplace exciting.

(Laughter.)

MR. HICKEY: Good morning, Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Chief Deputy Treasurer. Tom Hickey, representing the University System of Maryland. There are five items on the Agenda for your consideration and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there any discussion on the USM Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No discussion.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Okay. Do I have a motion to approve the Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

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GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Get some rest. Thank you so much.

MR. HICKEY: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. We will proceed with the MDOT Agenda. Ms. Radomsky, good morning.

MS. RADOMSKY: Good morning, Governor, good morning, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Chief Deputy Treasurer. For the record, I'm Valerie Radomsky, Chief Procurement Officer representing the Maryland Department of Transportation. Today, MDOT is presenting 21 items for your consideration. Please make note that Item 1-C-MOD was revised yesterday to update the MBE participation compliance. Representatives are available to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Is there any further discussion on MDOT?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So you are exceeding now?

MS. RADOMSKY : Yes.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Great. Good job.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you.

MS. RADOMSKY : I'm pleased to update that item.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Okay. May I have a motion to approve?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Motion to approve the MDOT Agenda.

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GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thank you so much. And we're going to conclude with DGS. Secretary Chaudhry, good morning.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Good morning, sir. Mr. Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Chief Deputy Treasurer, for the record, I'm Atif Chaudhry, Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services. Today the department is presenting 29 items on our Agenda. We will be withdrawing two items, Item 8-CGL as well as Item 10-CGL. Our Agenda features over \$6.7 million on capital grants and loans. I just want to highlight just a couple of them here.

I want to highlight Item 3-CGL, which provides \$450,000 in State support to Pride of Baltimore II for repairs and upgrades to this historic tall ship. The repairs and upgrades include a new generator, rescue boat, shafts, propellers, through holes, planking, and engines to be replaced with new green energy efficient engines. Pride II's mission is to promote historical maritime education, foster economic development and tourism, and represent the people of Maryland in every port she visits.

I also wanted to highlight Item 12-CGL, which provides \$600,000 to Grass Roots Crisis Intervention Center in Howard County. These funds will support space renovation to house a new outpatient mental health clinic, a 24/7 telephone hotline, a 24-hour walk-in crisis services, substance use disorder screening, and crisis stabilization, and a mobile crisis team program. This will provide 24/7 access to an underserved population, including individuals who are homeless, exiting the detention center, or experiencing a mental health crisis who

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can be diverted from the hospital. Services at the new outpatient mental health clinic will provide a full operational, 24/7, community based behavioral health center for the citizens of Maryland.

As we keep a close eye on our MBE contracting goals, our Agenda does include 12 contracts for certified MBE prime contractors totaling over \$12 million.

We have agency representatives here to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you so much. Pride II, is great, too.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Yes.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there any discussion on the DGS Agenda? Great. Thank you. Do I have a motion to approve the DGS Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

DEPUTY TREASURER MARTIN: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Outstanding. Thank you so much, Secretary Chaudhry. That now concludes today's Board of Public Works meeting. The next meeting will be on October 25th. Thank you so much. Take care of each other, Maryland. Meeting adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 10:39 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)