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# PROCEEDINGS

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning, everybody.

(Chorus of good morning.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right.

(Microphone feedback.)

Is it going to do that every time I speak? No? Everybody hear me?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Yes.

GOVERNOR MOORE: All right. All right. Good morning. And welcome to today's BPW meeting. I'm going to lift this up so we can --

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: That's never happened before.

GOVERNOR MOORE: I know, I know.

(Pause.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. We'll just use our outside voices.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: Good morning, everybody. And we'll go ahead and get started with the Secretary's Agenda.

Mr. Secretary, good morning. And thank you so much. Good to see you.

MR. GONTRUM: Good to see you, sir. Good to see you, Madam Comptroller and Mr. Treasurer. There are 17 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning, and six reports emergency procurements. I'm happy to assist with answering any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Wonderful. Thank you so much.

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I'd like to start by calling up Item 10 on the agenda, which is a request from the Department of Housing and Community Development to award \$24 million to 21 projects through the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative and the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund. Every single one of these initiatives, we are excited about because they are going to make significant impacts across not just Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County, but also they have impact or will directly impact all the neighboring areas and jurisdictions as well.

And they include new recreational spaces. They include playgrounds. They include mixed-use development. They include affordable housing for seniors. I'll say it again. They include affordable housing for seniors, which we are very excited about. And it also includes investing in the College Park Airport. And each one of these projects has a real focus and a real deliverable to be able to generate economic activity that really is going to translate across the state of Maryland as a whole.

And we know that we are, in this Administration, are pleased to be advancing these investments today. But also, we are just incredibly grateful to the local jurisdictions. We're incredibly grateful to the nonprofit organizations. We're incredibly grateful to the private sector partners. Because one thing you'll see about every single one of these investments is they all require leverage and they all require partnership. And I think the investments you'll see here are a direct reflection of that.

I know that our that our extraordinary Secretary of DHCD is joining us virtually today. And so I'd like to turn the microphone over to him to talk about these investments and the impact they're going to have both on community and also on the economy.

Secretary Day, it is good to see you. How's the weather?

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MR. DAY: Governor, good morning. Madam Comptroller, Mr. Treasurer, good to be with you. The weather's great where I am. And I apologize that I can't be there in Annapolis with you today. But that being said, the weather is about to get much worse where I'm going tomorrow, but --

GOVERNOR MOORE: Oh, yes.

MR. DAY: -- we'll talk about that another day.

So good morning. And thank you so much for that introduction. Governor, you covered really so much of what needs to be said about these important programs. For the record, my name is Jake Day, Secretary of Housing and Community Development, bringing to you this morning a portion of the BRNI or Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative and -- initiative, excuse me -- and NED or National Capital Strategic Economic Development Fund projects for this fiscal year.

The projects include \$9,050,000 worth of commitments to the Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County jurisdictions for projects in those areas. And a total of \$15 million in General Obligation Bond proceeds as well in the Montgomery County and Prince George's County projects. These projects run the gamut from, as you mentioned, everything from civic projects, community institutions, economic development projects, housing, and beyond.

And that, I think, highlights the great diversity of tools that bring to -- or brought to bear through the State revitalization programs of which BRNI and NED, which we call them in shorthand, are two of the seven really important projects. So happy to discuss any of the projects, if there are specific questions. Otherwise, that constitutes our recommendation to the Board this morning.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. And Mr. Secretary, again, outstanding work to you, to all of DHCD, to not just the leadership, the vision

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really put forward on this. So we are very, very excited to be able to advance on these things. And the only thing I'll say also is just keep your eyes just high, keep your feet and knees together, and keep your eyes on the horizon. Stay safe.

MR. DAY: Thank you, Governor.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you so much, Secretary Day. Stay safe.

And I just wanted to interject because this is such a fantastic program. And for those who haven't followed it over the years, BRNI was originally created under Speaker Busch. And after 2015 -- it was created in 2016, during that session, through legislation brought by my former teammate Pete Hammen. And when I used to go explain it to folks during the 2016 cycle, I'd say, you know we passed this really important bill. It's all about BRNI. And then, I'd say not Sanders.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: And it has been really amazing when I was a Delegate in District 46, to watch the transformation of neighborhoods happen because of the catalytic effect that renovating one key building in a neighborhood could have. So whether it was building the new CASA headquarters in Highlandtown in Patterson Park. You know, the work that was happening in Brooklyn now is what's happening in West North Ave. And now -- and then, of course, we created NED to follow up seeing the success of BRNI.

And so just I -- we always had to push to make sure that these programs were funded in the past Administration. And so really appreciate the full funding of these programs, recognizing the catalytic effect that these investments have on building stronger and more thriving neighborhoods. And that, I will add, lead to generating more revenue over the long term. So I'm

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always thrilled to see the BRNI projects come. And huge shout out to Carol Gilbert, who's been working on this for eight long years too. And to you, Secretary, and your team. Thanks. Thanks.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Thanks so much, Mr. Secretary. With that, is there any further discussion on the Secretary's Agenda?

TREASURER DAVIS: I do, Governor. Item 16.

MR. GONTRUM: Item 16 is a request from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the settlement agreement.

TREASURER DAVIS: Just a question for someone regarding the employees. Was there any type of training or -- this is another one of those examples, and I'm not going to belabor the point, of where you kind of really don't need training. It's more common sense. As reading the facts of the case, if someone says -- or if a doctor has prescribed something, how do we confiscate it without consulting with the medical team, if nothing else, about a possible alternative that would prevent or provide less risk. Because of that lack of a simple question. Simple question. What else can we do that would provide the same level of care without this potential risk? It's going to cost the State \$25,000. I'm sure that alternative would have cost less than \$25,000.

MR. GONTRUM: We have Assistant Attorney General Kelly on the line. I'm not sure if there's someone present from the Department that wants to answer specifically the training component of the question.

TREASURER DAVIS: And I also know it's not the current Administration. Judging on the data, this happened prior to everybody that's in place now so I do recognize that. And I know it can make it difficult to comment on something that wasn't under your watch. But I always wonder -- you know, a lot of this stuff is just common sense. And I guess as my old boss once told me,

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common sense really isn't that common.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: But we're paying \$25,000 simply because someone didn't consult with a doctor, to go we can't have this. This provides a security risk. What else can we do that will handle this problem without, you know, providing -- putting people at risk? And if they didn't ask that question, I guess I want to know why.

MS. KELLY: Good day. This is Teresa Kelly on behalf of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Thank you so much for your consideration this morning. This is a very unfortunate situation. And steps are being made, and have been being made to make sure that questions are asked in advance when these situations arise, that medical providers are aware that certain devices are not permitted out in the compound. So that prisoners who are prescribed devices such as a controlled ankle movement boot, such as is at issue in this case, will stay in the infirmary if they're required to use the boot. And staying in the infirmary, they're better monitored so that they do not weaponize the boot, and that if they are permitted medically -- if it's safe medically for them to be released to the compound, to their housing tiers, for example, that they are given an appropriate alternative device, whether that be a wheelchair or something else that is security safe.

So the medical department is quite well aware of these situations. And custody staff are also reminded regularly of the importance of checking to make sure that medical devices are either required, and if not required, there's an alternative. So we anticipate that a situation like the one alleged in this case does not arise again.

TREASURER DAVIS: Then let me ask this question. You said something interesting. You said that the -- I guess the staff is reminded regularly

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to check with, I guess, the appropriate personnel. If they're reminded regularly, but they didn't do it anyway, is that the takeaway I should take from this? That this isn't -- they are advised on a regular basis to consult with, I guess, medical personnel, but in this case, they ignored that directive?

MS. KELLY: Thank you for your question. I am talking about what has happened and the conditions after this incident. After this incident has been brought to light, the institution and medical personnel have been repeatedly reminded and are very on top of the situation so that it does not happen again. Prior to this incident -- there is an awareness of what is safe on the compound and what is not. And so we have more direct information going out to the people who are making the decisions about what can be on the compound, what is released from the medical department to the compound. So my point is what's being done going forward from this situation.

TREASURER DAVIS: And let me ask, did it raise any red flags that the confiscation occurred two days after a complaint was filed? Did that -- or is that just a coincidence?

MS. KELLY: It appears to us that it was a coincidence. The Plaintiff has alleged -- is alleging otherwise, however.

TREASURER DAVIS: Thank you.

MS. KELLY: You're welcome. Thank you so much for your questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. Is there any other -- any further comments for discussion on the Secretary's Agenda?

TREASURER DAVIS: No sir.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Not for me.

GOVERNOR MOORE: May I have a motion to approve Secretary's Agenda?

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COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thank you so much.

MR. GONTRUM: Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: We will proceed with Department of Natural Resources. Secretary Kurtz, good morning.

MR. KURTZ: Good morning, Governor Moore, Comptroller Lierman, and Treasurer Davis. For the record, Josh Kurtz, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, citing 20 items on the agenda today, and a little bit of a celebration for you all. I have staff available to answer any questions, if you have any. And yeah, excited about today.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Yes, as are we. And I would like to first call up Item 16A, which is a request from DNR to award \$15.3 million in grants to the Rural Legacy Program for Fiscal Year 2025. We're really excited about this one. This is a -- this year going to mark the 25th anniversary of this incredibly important program. And over 125,000 acres, 125,000 acres have been permanently preserved to safeguard our state's very rich agricultural heritage and its history.

And the reason why that's so exciting is it really is helping to set the pace for what it means to preserve that space for future generations, for generations to come. And so we are very proud to mark this milestone. Very proud of the work that that you and your team have done on this. And I know -- I'd like to offer you some time for you to make some remarks about this as well.

MR. KURTZ: Yeah, yeah. Thank you very much, sir. And I think -- you know, we look at the 25 years of this program and I think we've just really hit that really good stride. And really this program is unique, and it is

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successful because of the partnership. Many of those partners are actually here today. It's fantastic to see you all. And it's really rooted in an understanding of what local communities want and need within these rural legacy areas.

A big part of protection of these lands through easements is understanding and building relationships and trust with the people who own these properties. And that's what our partners are doing. Whether that be local governments or land trusts, they're physically pounding the pavement. They're talking to people. They're sharing the benefits that we, the state, gets from the Rural Legacy Program ecologically, economically, and culturally.

And so I think today incredible to be here at 25 years, 125,000 acres. You know, we have audacious goals – 40 percent by 2040. And this is one of the programs that's going to carry us there. I think we're very excited about it. Also excited too today to expand two of our Rural Legacy Areas and add a new Rural Legacy Area on the coast. And I think there's some really great crop protection opportunities there and some areas where we're having some water quality challenges from our neighbor. And I think this Rural Legacy Area is going to really help us protect that space. So thrilled to be here and to have all the partners with us today.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great. Thank you again. And if it's okay, after we vote on the agenda and before we transition to MDOT, we would like to -- we'd would love to invite you and all the guests up, and your team up for a picture up here as well. This is a really big deal.

MR. KURTZ: Excellent, yeah. Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Yeah. Really well done, really well done.

Is there any other discussion on the DNR Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No.

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

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thank you so much.

So why don't you all come up and come join us up here?

(Pause.)

(Photographs were taken.)

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR MOORE: Wonderful. Thank you all very much. Next up, we'll go to the University System of Maryland. Mr. Hickey, good morning. Good to see you.

MR. HICKEY: Good to see you. Good morning, Mr. Treasurer, Madam Comptroller. Tom Hickey representing University System of Maryland. There are ten items on the agenda for your consideration, and I'm happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Wonderful. Thank you so much. Is there any discussion or questions on the USM Agenda?

TREASURER DAVIS: I just have one.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Please.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thanks, Mr. Hickey, for being here. I appreciate it. I was hoping that you could just, for the edification of the body, just talk a little bit about, you know, one of your -- your big item today, which is, of course, the new revisions to your procurement policies and procedures. I know you undertook a work group to do this comprehensive review. I wanted to give you an opportunity, if there's anything that you'd like to

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highlight or talk about why this was necessary and what's in here, for you to have that platform?

MR. HICKEY: Of course. So the last -- the original procurement policies were approved in 2000. They were updated in 2016. And so it's been eight years. Since that time, there have been statutory changes. There have been advice and opinions from the Office of Attorney General that have required these revisions. So in a nutshell, we're codifying practices that have been going on for, you know, eight -- the last eight years, and making sure that we're compliant with the Office of Attorney General's advice and statutes that have been passed since that time.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: That's great. Thanks. And I did want to note one thing that you and I talked briefly about, but would love to have explained as well.

There isn't sort of a discussion in here about the great work that USM is doing on sustainability, green purchasing. You know, we've approved certain contracts in energy and others that lead to cleaner facilities and more resilient facilities. None of that is in here. Could you talk about, you know, why it doesn't -- why it's not in here and the other rules that apply? This isn't sort of the only procurement policies that you follow.

MR. HICKEY: Right. So USM is a statutory member of the Green Purchasing Committee. I'm actually Chancellor's Designee. It was created by statute in 2010. I think I told you on Monday, it's one of the favorite parts of my job. DGS leads the effort, but it's a great group of people that come up with specifications for all solicitations. So a lot of what we do in procurement is governed by the solicitation itself. So not everything is packed into the procurement policies that are covered through the solicitation documents.

We're also a statutory member of the Green Building Council, so

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we're required to follow all the DBM requirements for the capital program with sustainability and meeting the State's climate goals. So all of those things are covered in different areas of law, policy, and regulation. And we're going to be doing a lot of training, if these are approved, with all procurement professionals. I think I mentioned on Monday all of our capital construction is handled by one of two service centers, so University of Maryland, College Park and University of Maryland, Baltimore.

So that entire construction program in conjunction with DBM follows all required sustainability goals. And I would also add, and I think I mentioned this Monday, it's not just State-funded projects. We also apply this to all auxiliary funded projects. So we are a big believer in green purchasing, sustainability, adapting to climate change.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: And I appreciate that. Thank you.

GOVERNOR MOORE: And is there any further discussion on USM?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Nope.

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

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thanks so much.

MR. HICKEY: Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. We will proceed with proceed with the MDOT Agenda.

Ms. Radomsky, good morning.

MS. RADOMSKY: Good morning, Governor, Madam

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Comptroller, Mr. Treasurer. Valerie Radomsky, representing the Maryland Department of Transportation. Today we are presenting 11 agenda items for your consideration.

We're seeking approval of three contracts to certified small businesses valued at approximately \$1.38 million. I would also like to make one clarification for Item 3-GM-MOD, which changes vehicle requirements and required performance bond amounts for multiple MTA commuter bus contracts. Just wanted to clarify, we are not asking our contractors to begin transitioning to electric or hybrid busses at this time.

One reason is because the commuter bus low and zero emission market would have to grow significantly in order for these private companies to be able to transition. That market is significantly behind the rest of the industry, so we will continue to monitor the technology and work closely with our contractors on this. We do have representatives available to answer any questions you may have.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Thank you for addressing the issue, Valerie.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there any other -- any other points of discussion for the MDOT Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No.

GOVERNOR MOORE: May I have a motion to approve the MDOT Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thanks so much. Thank you. We will conclude with the DGS Agenda.

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Secretary Chaudhry, good morning.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Morning, sir. Mr. Governor, Madam Comptroller, Mr. Treasurer. For the record, I am Atif Chaudhry, Secretary of the Maryland Department of General Services.

Today, the Department is presenting 41 items in our agenda for review. Our agenda does feature over \$12 million in capital grants and loans. I want to highlight one of those. And that's Item 7-CGL, which provides \$100,000 in State support to Addiction Recovery for their Hope House Treatment Center. This project will convert three offices into patient rooms, creating eight additional beds to serve for individuals in recovery. Hope House Treatment Center is a nonprofit residential in-patient treatment center specializing in treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health challenges.

As we continue to keep an eye in our minority business participation, our agenda does include five contract awards and modifications to certified minority businesses totaling over \$5.6 million. We have agency representatives here to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Great, thank you. Thank you for highlighting the work of 7-CGL. It's really important work.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. Are there any other comments for the DGS Agenda?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: May I ask a question?

Thanks, Mr. Secretary, for being here. We actually -- at 36-M, there is a maintenance contract for DPSCS. And then earlier, we approved three reports of emergency procurement from DPSCS involving issues that have arisen because of deferred maintenance. One report noted that the Department identified the issue in 2023. And in consultation with DGS, there was an assessment with

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plans to add it to the capital maintenance list, but it just didn't make the cut for FY '25. Now, it doesn't matter because it had to be done on an emergency basis anyway.

Certainly, this is not an issue that's unique to DPSCS since we frequently see emergency building repairs for HVACs, boilers, broken pipes. So given -- I know that our capital budget is constrained, but I was wondering if you could discuss briefly how DGS's building maintenance process works, recognizing the limitations and constraints of the CIP and the capital budget overall. I do think it's important that we highlight that we have real needs in this State, real capital needs, and a very constrained capital budget.

And just to maintain the buildings that we have, and I think -- I think you maintain about 1,400 facilities. It's a lot of facilities. And so, you know, could you just talk -- I don't expect you to get into the details right now, but just talk a little bit about, given the constraints on our capital budget, how requests -- how you do prioritize requests, especially when the needs exceed the budget so profoundly.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Comptroller.  
Great question.

So obviously, lots of challenges dealing with this number of facilities. And many, many years of deferred maintenance on these and decades of sort of inadequate support. So here, we're working very closely with agencies. We have a very structured process. It's called a project justification process. I'm happy to give you a more detailed briefing going into the weeds on it, but we coordinate very closely with agencies to determine what the needs are and then we prioritize those against various funding mechanisms. One is the Object 14, lower levels of funding. Second is a facility renewal, which will go up to \$5 million. And there's always the capital budget as well, which will be \$5 million

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and beyond.

So we work very closely to identify projects that will not only necessarily cause issues now, but potentially in the future. We're very, very cognizant of building envelope or roof-related issues that can potentially cause water infiltration or mold, HVAC issues, boilers, mechanical systems, et cetera. Also very similarly, which can be very expensive, fire alarm systems and suppression systems as well as a lot of them are aging and need to be updated as well. So we have a very structured process that -- and we're happy to give you a more detailed briefing offline.

We work very closely with the agencies to determine what their respective needs are, what they believe should be prioritized and then we coordinate that and disperse funding as appropriate. I think it's very important to note that as we do a lot of these projects, we do reprioritize as necessary. So we work very closely with agencies to determine what is needed when and reprioritize funding as necessary when urgent issues or maybe unforeseen issues come up. There is significant project backlog that we're tracking for all agencies, but we do move things around and readjust as necessary and update.

I think it's important to note also that DGS has a Building Assessment Unit. We've had a team of engineers and project managers that actually go out and visit all 1,400-plus buildings every two years. They go out, they review every building, all the mechanical systems, all the issues with the building, and they provide a detailed report of deferred maintenance and issues that need to be addressed. And that helps to facilitate through the prioritization process with each agency on what needs to be addressed. It helps to develop cost estimates for those and help -- we can start to plan and budget -- prioritize in the budget for those.

So a very structured process. Happy to walk through it in more

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detail. I won't take up too much time here. But we're very cognizant of all the issues in deferred maintenance and are addressing those. And we're doing a more systematic approach as we look at funding for which buildings we can potentially move out of, which we can support, and which ones we can sort of do renovations or major construction projects on. That does include also factoring in the Climate Solutions Now Act, as well, as we fully electrify major construction projects 35,000 square feet and above.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Right. Okay. That's helpful. I'm sure this will come up in our CDAC meetings too. So thank you.

TREASURER DAVIS: Yes, 10-CGL. Not so much a question, but just a comment of appreciation. I had an opportunity to meet with Senator Benson and Delegates Harrison, Lewis, and Alston in District 24, the area that represents that area and we had a great conversation. You know, speaking with the developer in that area and, you know, the things they're going to do -- the transformation.

Governor and the General Assembly, I, as someone who grew up maybe ten minutes from that area, I'm certainly gratified and appreciative of the commitment that the State has made to that particular area. And the I guess the most gratifying part was seeing the stadium, the FedEx Field -- or Northwest Stadium, I guess is what it's called now.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: --is in that area.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: (Indiscernible).

TREASURER DAVIS: And seeing --

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: Years ago -- yeah.

(Laughter.)

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TREASURER DAVIS: Years ago, there was a commitment by the then Washington Bullets, now Washington Wizards, over there near where the hospital site is that there was going to be development, so forth, in that area, and it never quite came to fruition. Then during my early years of in the General Assembly, I think it was my second year in office when the stadium was approved. But also for that same area, there were commitments made that never came to fruition. So it was gratifying to hear the State's commitment to that area, irrespective of whether or not, you know, that there was going to be another stadium or whatever built.

Because it's clear that our corporate partners over there are more interested in moving to D.C. than they are staying in that area. They're falling all over themselves with high priced lobbyists and so forth, and trying to appease some senator from Montana about a name that they haven't used in four or five years -- everything. And then, I look at the people who actually live there, See, the state of Maryland and Prince George's County is nobody's back up plan, Plan B, or anything like that.

You either want to be here or you don't. And if you want to, you know, recognize or show appreciation, you should show it to this state who had to put up with that shitshow for the last 30 years and yet continue to support and invest and so forth. So it's highly offensive to me to see the lack of commitment to the state and the lack of commitment to that area. You either desperately want to go to the District of Columbia or you're trying to cause a bidding war between two jurisdictions. Either way, that's not good corporate partnership.

I understand where they're coming from, from their perspective, but I am like this close to saying see you. Personally, I don't know how the District, after committing \$500 million to the Wizards -- yeah

(indiscernible).

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(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: How they committed \$500 million to the Wizards and capital, how they can come up with a better offer than we can. But in any event, all of that to say I'm appreciative of the State's efforts to be supportive of that community irrespective of what the football team decides it wants to do. So Governor and members of the General Assembly, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: Hear, hear.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Hear, hear. And thank you. And thank you also. And thank you both for the continued support and leadership on that because it is true, no matter what happens, we'll make sure that community is going to be okay and thriving. So any other items for discussion for the Secretary?

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No. Are we to say shitshow now?

(Laughter.)

TREASURER DAVIS: You've got to have somebody that's testing.

GOVERNOR MOORE: That's it. The brakes are off, y'all. The brakes are off.

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: No further items.

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

COMPTROLLER LIERMAN: So moved.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Is there a second?

TREASURER DAVIS: Second.

GOVERNOR MOORE: Outstanding. Thanks so much.

MR. CHAUDHRY: Thank you.

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GOVERNOR MOORE: Thank you. This concludes today's morning meeting of the BPW. The next meeting will be on Service Day, September 11th. So thank you all. Have a great week.

(Whereupon, at 10:44 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)