



# News Release

## Comptroller Brooke Lierman Issues Statement on Adrienne Jones Stepping Down as Speaker of the House of Delegates

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (December 4, 2025)** — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today issued this statement on **Speaker Adrienne A. Jones** stepping down as Speaker of the House of Delegates:

*“For the past six years, Speaker Adrienne A. Jones has led the House of Delegates with steadiness and grace, guiding Maryland through a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and significant budget challenges. As the first woman and the first African American to serve as Speaker, she made history while also opening doors for so many others.*

*“I was proud to vote for her to become Speaker, to serve alongside her, and to learn from her during my eight years in the House. She was there as a leader for me to learn from and follow from the first day I arrived in the House as a member of the Appropriations Committee, and even after I left the House, she has continued to be someone who has offered good counsel, support, and inspiration. She was always determined to ensure that even if she might be the first in a role, she would not be the last. Her legacy, built over more than 30 years of service, will continue as she becomes Speaker Emerita and focuses on representing District 10.*

*“Speaker Jones is one of the strongest and most compassionate people I have ever met. I am deeply grateful for her leadership and look forward to continuing to work with her to build a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous Maryland.”*

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