

News Release

Office of the Comptroller Celebrates New Agency Advisory Council Members

New panels to continue the work to provide feedback and recommendations on key agency efforts

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (January 20, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman welcomed the newest members of the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland's Advisory Councils on Monday, January 12, during the agency's Advisory Council Kick-Off event. The agency first established its advisory councils in 2023 to connect with the public and provide opportunities for members to make recommendations on the agency's strategic direction.

"Our advisory councils are an important bridge between the Office of the Comptroller and the communities we serve. The council members share their insights and help us shape policies that will foster greater equity, resilience, and prosperity across our state," Comptroller Lierman said. "I appreciate their willingness to work with me and the agency to support their fellow Marylanders and Maryland businesses."

More than 200 advisory council members from across the state are appointed to serve for two-year terms. The advisory councils were a [key recommendation](#) of the Comptroller's Transition Team to strengthen connections between the Comptroller's Office and communities across the state. Accomplishments of the previous advisory council were documented in the [Comptroller of Maryland Advisory Councils and Workgroups 2024 report](#). The advisory groups will release a report detailing their progress next year.

The Office of the Comptroller of Maryland's Advisory Councils

Business Advisory Council includes industry representatives and prominent members of Maryland's business community, including small-, minority-, and women business owners, who help to advise the agency on priority and emerging issues and challenges facing the business community, as well as provide perspective on the state of Maryland's economy.

Climate Advisory Council helps the Comptroller to position Maryland as a national leader on climate sustainability. The Council supports and reviews the Comptroller's

development of a climate sustainability plan that includes tools and strategies for measuring the climate impact of state contracts and spending, investments, and economic and fiscal policies.

Faith Leaders Advisory Council helps the Comptroller's Office develop partnerships with Maryland's faith community to ensure that organizations of all denominations have access to agency resources.

Financial Literacy Advisory Council helps to support the development of a robust financial literacy agenda that positions the Comptroller of Maryland as a go-to, state-wide resource.

Labor Advisory Council helps provide a venue for the Comptroller of Maryland to share information about new ideas and initiatives and solicit feedback on legislative and policy proposals that best serve the working people of the state.

Local Government Advisory Council shares information about relevant updates in their counties/jurisdictions while also elevating areas of concern and opportunities for partnership.

New Americans Advisory Council works closely with the Comptroller of Maryland to improve the quality of services delivered by the agency and address gaps in services provided to new Americans in the state. They also advise the agency on emerging topics/issues within the new American community and identify partnership opportunities throughout the state.

Tax Practitioners Advisory Council advises the Comptroller of Maryland on tax industry challenges and provides feedback on proposals and new initiatives to improve the quality of services provided to Maryland taxpayers and ensure industry accountability.

Women's Economic Empowerment Council advises the Comptroller of Maryland on financial challenges facing women in Maryland and potential opportunities to strengthen and promote women's financial resilience through financial education, addressing financial abuse, and improving access to state resources, contracts, and grants.

[**Learn more about the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland's Advisory Councils**](#)
[**View photos from the Advisory Council Kick-Off event on January 12, 2026**](#)

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