



News Release

Chief Deputy Comptroller Andrew Schaufele to Depart Agency After Nearly 18 Years of Service

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (February 24, 2026) — Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman** today announced that Chief Deputy Comptroller Andrew Schaufele will depart the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland on June 1, concluding nearly four years of service in the agency’s second-highest leadership role and more than a decade of service to the State of Maryland.

“It is with mixed emotions that I share that our Chief Deputy Comptroller, Andy Schaufele, will be departing the agency on June 1,” said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman** in a letter to all staff. “Andy has been an extraordinary partner to me and to this entire agency. While I am genuinely heavy hearted to see him go, I also understand and respect that this next step is the right one for him and for his family, and that is what matters most.”

Chief Deputy Comptroller Schaufele joined the Comptroller’s Office in 2008, serving as an economist for the Bureau of Revenue Estimates. In 2012, he was promoted to Director of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, where he played a central role in forecasting state revenues and shaping Maryland’s fiscal outlook. In 2022, he was appointed Deputy Comptroller, overseeing core operational divisions and helping lead the agency through a period of historic modernization and institutional transition. In January 2023, Comptroller Lierman named him the Chief Deputy Comptroller.

Over the course of his tenure, Schaufele has helped guide the agency through the aftermath of the Great Recession and the operational and fiscal challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schaufele has been instrumental in advancing data analytics within the agency, strengthening fraud-detection systems that have since been nationally lauded for their accuracy, and supporting the agency's long-term modernization strategy, including major technology upgrades such as the new state income tax system.

Throughout this period, he has also strengthened direct communication and support across administrations and helped build stronger relationships between the counties and the Comptroller's Office, laying the groundwork for more collaborative statewide fiscal stewardship.

In an email to all staff that was shared by Comptroller Lierman, **Chief Deputy Comptroller Schaufele** described his departure as "the hardest decision I've ever made," noting that he has accepted an opportunity that aligns with his professional goals and supports his family. "I love this Agency," Schaufele wrote. "The Comptroller of Maryland has given me leaders, colleagues, and teams who shaped me into who I am today. Each of you made me better, and that growth always translated into better service for Marylanders."

He also expressed confidence in the agency's leadership and direction under Comptroller Lierman. "Comptroller Lierman has been the right leader at the right time," Schaufele wrote. "Her commitment to public service and outcomes-driven governance, combined with her push for meaningful modernization, has positioned this Agency for long-term success. What you are building now will shape this Agency for decades to come."

Comptroller Lierman and her Executive Team have been preparing for this transition since last year, with detailed planning already in place to ensure continuity across the

agency. The organization is well-positioned for a smooth handoff and a formal succession plan, reflecting this careful work, will be shared in an upcoming communication.

“Andy’s departure leaves big shoes to fill,” said Comptroller Lierman. “But the best way we can honor his legacy is to keep working, with the same dedication, creativity, and care that he modeled for all of us. The executive team and I are aligned to ensure that we continue our mission and essential work without missing a beat and we look forward to our final few months with him as a member of Team COM.”

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