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Comptroller Lierman Announces Upcoming Departure of Chief of Staff Rianna Matthews- Brown

*Senior advisor helped lead agency modernization, expand public engagement,
and advance taxpayer-focused initiatives*

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 7, 2026) — Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman** today announced that Chief of Staff Rianna Matthews-Brown will depart the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland on April 30, concluding her tenure as a senior leader in the agency during a period of significant transformation and growth.

“Rianna has been a trusted partner and friend for many years,” **said Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. “I’ve known her to be someone who leads with integrity, thoughtfulness, and a deep commitment to public service. I’m grateful that she jumped in when I was sworn in more than three years ago and have loved working in partnership with her every day. She has helped shape not only this agency, but the way we show up for Marylanders. I look forward to cheering her on in her new role.”

As Chief of Staff, Matthews-Brown has played a central role in helping to execute Comptroller Lierman’s vision and priorities for the agency – from shaping the agency’s strategic direction, strengthening operations, and advancing initiatives to improve service delivery and expand access to resources for Marylanders. During her tenure, she helped secure over \$1.5 million in funding over four years through legislation to support outreach on key tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC),

and led the launch of the agency's first-ever statewide EITC awareness campaign. She also advanced taxpayer protections by leading the legislative effort to establish the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate (OTA) in 2025 and oversaw its implementation, including hiring the division's Director.

Matthews-Brown said, "I'm grateful for the trust Comptroller Lierman placed in me to serve as her first Chief of Staff, and I am proud of what we achieved together during her first term. From building the agency's first public engagement team and launching 10 advisory councils, to securing additional funding and over 200 positions to support the agency's core functions. As I take this next step, I'm confident that the team will continue the progress we have made."

Prior to joining the Comptroller's office, she held senior leadership roles across federal, state, and local government as well as in the private sector, including serving as Chief of Staff in multiple healthcare organizations across Maryland. Her experience spans policy, strategic communications, operations, and stakeholder engagement, with a focus on advancing equitable policy solutions and strengthening connections between government agencies and the communities they serve.

Comptroller Lierman and her Executive Team have been preparing for this transition for several months and will share additional details regarding leadership continuity in the coming weeks.

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