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Comptroller Lierman Announces Two Leadership Appointments

Michele K. Lambert named deputy chief of staff; Jordan Hines joins agency as chief of government affairs

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (Nov. 23, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today announced two appointments to the agency's leadership team. Michele K. Lambert, the agency's Board of Public Works director, has been named deputy chief of staff, and Jordan Hines will join the Office of the Comptroller as chief of government affairs. Both appointments take effect on November 25, 2026.

As deputy chief of staff, Lambert will continue to oversee the agency's Board of Public Works operations while advising the Comptroller on legislative, intergovernmental, and other external issues affecting the agency. The Comptroller is one of three members of the Board of Public Works, which approves most state contracts, capital spending, and state land transactions.

"Michele knows Maryland's budget and legislative process from the inside, and she has already made a real difference in how our office prepares for every Board of Public Works meeting," said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. "As deputy chief of staff, she will help our agency anticipate the issues coming our way and respond with the same rigor and judgment she brings to every assignment. I'm grateful she has agreed to take on this added responsibility."

Lambert joined the Office of the Comptroller earlier this year after serving as deputy chief of staff and, before that, director of legislative affairs to House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones. In the Speaker's office, she provided policy, budget, and legislative support on floor operations, leadership priorities, and high-level decision-making for the Maryland House of Delegates.

Lambert previously spent more than seven years at the Department of Legislative Services, joining as a policy analyst in 2017 and rising to senior committee counsel for the House Appropriations Committee. In that role, she advised the committee chair and members on the state's operating and capital budgets and drafted legislation and amendments on education, insurance, health, and economic development. She also staffed several legislative commissions and workgroups, including the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, known as the Kirwan Commission, and the Joint COVID-19 Response Legislative Workgroup.

"I'm grateful to Comptroller Lierman for the opportunity to take on this role," said **Lambert**. "At the Board of Public Works, our team works to ensure every contract and spending item that comes before the board receives the scrutiny Maryland taxpayers deserve. I'm excited to build on that work and help our agency take on the complex challenges ahead. The Office of the Comptroller is full of talented, dedicated public servants, and I look forward to continuing to work with them and our partners across the state to deliver for Marylanders."

Lambert was named one of The Daily Record's 2026 Leading Women Under 40. She earned her law degree magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where she was a Sondheim Public Service Law Fellow and a staff editor of the University of Baltimore Law Review. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Delaware, where she captained the varsity cross-country and track and field teams. She has been a member of the Maryland Bar since 2017.

Hines joins the Office of the Comptroller from the staff of U.S. Sen. Angela D. Alsobrooks, where he served as deputy state director, supervising five regional offices and serving as a liaison to state and local elected officials.

“Jordan Hines has served in leadership roles at the federal, state, and local levels,” said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. “His experience demonstrates his deep commitment to public service and to building partnerships to improve the lives of Marylanders. I’m excited to welcome him to the Office of the Comptroller.”

Before joining Alsobrooks’ staff, Hines served as a legislative policy analyst in the Maryland Senate, where he monitored legislation, developed policy materials, and supported coordination between state and local priorities. Earlier in his career, he held leadership positions in the nonprofit sector, including director of community planning and policy for the Delaware HIV Consortium and executive director of the Delaware Housing Opportunity Fund, where he led initiatives focused on public health, housing access, and community development.

Hines began his public service career in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, where he served as a legal aide for the New Castle County Register of Wills and as a legislative policy analyst for the Wilmington City Council. In 2020, after he wrote a News Journal op-ed urging elected officials to address the toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on African American residents, then-New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer, now Delaware’s governor, appointed him to the county’s health equity task force. The task force directed more than $10 million in federal funds to residents across New Castle County.

“For me, public service is more than just a job. It’s a calling based on the belief that government works best when it truly listens to the people,” said **Hines**. “I’m very grateful to Comptroller Lierman for inviting me to join her team and help make government more transparent and accessible. Over the years, I’ve seen that real progress starts with building relationships and bringing people together. I’m excited to keep working on these values, strengthen partnerships across Maryland, and make sure our communities’ voices guide our work every day.”

Hines earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and government from Widener University.

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