



**Maryland Higher Education Commission Agency Report
Maryland Community Colleges Facilities Planners Council
Meeting January 9, 2026**

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A. Geoff Newman has retired from MHEC; new Assistant Secretary of Finance and Administration is Shaunda Villones; she started 1/7/2026

B. FY27 Budget process

- a. Governor's recommended budget released on or before 1/21/2026 (the third Wednesday in January)
- b. Capital hearings to be held 3/9/2026 in House and 3/10/2026 in Senate
- c. If you receive any questions from DLS, DBM, or MHEC prior to hearings, please answer promptly

C. State share percentages for the FY28 budget cycle should be sent to colleges at the end of January after they are presented to Commission

D. FY26 Q2 cash flow/project status reports are due Friday 1/30/2026

E. FY26 Facility Master Plan updates are due Monday 2/2/2026

- a. If you have not submitted new plan in 10 years, new plan should be submitted (or send letter regarding status), or
- b. Any updates to current plan adopted since last February should be reported, or
- c. Letter stating no changes to current plan should be submitted.

F. Facility programs Part I/Part II for projects requesting initial funding in FY29 cycle should be submitted by Monday 3/2/2026. Based on CIPs submitted in July, up 11 programs could be submitted in March. MHEC will contact colleges this month to see what is actually planned to be submitted.

G. Inventory reports due 4/1/2026; templates to be sent early March

H. Facilities Renewal Supplemental funding – Of the \$30M awarded over 2 years, only about \$1.65M remains unspent (BCCC, PGCC only schools with unspent funds); please spend ASAP

I. MHEC facility program (Part I/ Part II) review continues; several responses sent by colleges which are now under review

J. Questions/Discussion

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