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GOVERNOR MARTIN O’MALLEY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August 6, 2010) - Governor Martin O’Malley today announced appointments to the Maryland Council for Educator Effectiveness; the University System of Maryland Board of Regents; the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Funding; the State Health Services Cost Review Commission; and the Task Force to Study Nanobiotechnology.

“I am proud to announce the appointments to the various Boards and Commissions across the State. Each appointee brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will serve as an asset to the Boards they will serve on,” said Governor O’Malley. “We have worked hard to compile a list of individuals from across our State with diverse educational, career, geographic, gender and ethnic backgrounds to continue to help protect Maryland’s priorities.”

Below is background information on the appointees:

[Reduced to only show the Blue Ribbon Commission for Transportation Funding]

Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Funding

Gus Bauman is being appointed as a representative from the business community and is being designated as Chair. He is a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, an attorney at Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. and a former Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board at the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission. He is a graduate of the Washington University School of Law and is a resident of Montgomery County.

Elizabeth “Betty” Hewlett is being appointed as the representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. She is an Attorney at Shipley, Horne & Hewlett, P.A and former Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning Board at the Maryland National Capital Planning Commission. Ms. Hewlett is a graduate of the Boston College Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a resident of Prince George’s County.

Donald C. Fry is being appointed as a representative of the business community. He is President and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee, Inc., and he is a former member of the Maryland State Senate. Mr. Fry is a graduate of the University of Baltimore, School of Law and he is a resident of Harford County.

Mark E. Friis is being appointed as a representative of the business community. He is President and CEO of Rodgers Consulting and a member of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Friis has an M.A. in Public Administration from Hood College and is a resident of Frederick County.

Michele L. Whelley is being appointed as a representative of the transit community. She is President of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, a non-profit organization of the greater Baltimore region and she is the former President of Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. Ms. Whelley earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Maryland School of Law and is she is a resident of Baltimore City.

Gary L. Messman, Jr. is being appointed as a representative of the transit community. He is a Senior Operations Specialist for the Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore, Inc. and is Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Accessible Transportation. He has a B.A. in Accounting from Loyola College and is a resident of Baltimore County.

Robert James Etgen is being appointed as a representative of the environmental and smart growth community. He is the Executive Director of Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve farmland and habitat in rural Maryland. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law and is a resident of Kent County.

Frederick Tutman is being appointed as a representative of the environmental community. He is the Founder and CEO of Patuxent Riverkeeper, a non-profit environmental advocacy organization with 23 years of experience on environmental health and preservation. Mr. Tutman has a Master of Arts degree in Media Management and is a resident of Prince George's County.

Mahlon G. Anderson is being appointed as a representative of the American Automobile Association.. He is the Director of Government and Public/Media relations for AAA Mid-Atlantic and served in the Montgomery County Panel of Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and the Transportation Policy Review Task Force in Maryland. Mr. Anderson earned an M.P.A. from American University and is a resident of Montgomery County.

Jennifer Macdonald is being appointed as a representative of the freight rail industry. She is Assistant Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for the Association of American Railroads. She earned an M.A. in International Trade, Finance and Development from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Don Bowman is being appointed as a representative of the motor carrier industry. He is Owner and Chairman of D.M. Bowman, Inc. which provides regional van, shorthaul bulk and flatbed service, warehousing, and distribution services. He is a member and past board member of the Hagerstown Associated Builders and Contractors and is also a member of his local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bowman is a resident of Washington County.

The Honorable Ken Ulman is being appointed as a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO). He is the Howard County Executive. Mr. Ulman earned a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown Law Center and is a resident of Howard County.

The Honorable Edith Jerry Patterson, Ed.D. is being appointed as a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO). She is Vice President of the Charles County Commissioners and represents Commission District 2. Ms. Patterson also serves as Director of Educational Talent Search for the College of Southern Maryland. She earned an M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State University and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University. She is a resident of Charles County.

Stella M. Miller is being appointed as a representative of the transportation construction industry. She is Owner and President of Stella May Contracting, Inc. She is serving as the 1st Vice Chairman of the Maryland Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America and is a member of the Maryland Washington Minority Contractors Association. Ms. Miller is a resident of Harford County.

The Honorable Judith F. Davis is being appointed as a representative of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). She is the Mayor of Greenbelt, past president of the Prince George's County Municipal Association and member of the board of directors of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and the Maryland Mayors Association. She has a M.S. in Education from West Chester State University and is a graduate fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. Ms. Davis is a resident of Prince George's County.

The Honorable Diane A. Foster is being appointed as a representative of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). She is a Taneytown Councilmember. She is a member of MML's Communications Committee and she is a member of the Academy of Excellence in Local Governance. Ms. Foster previously served as Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration. She is a resident of Carroll County.

Jackie Lynn Jeter is being appointed as a representative of labor. She is President and Business Agent of ATU Local 689 (WMATA) Union, a member of the Federal Transportation Administration's Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety and a member and founding partner of the Coalition to Keep America Moving. Ms. Jeter is a resident of Prince George's County.

Dennis Martire a member of Laborers' Local 1058, has over 13 years with the Laborers including service as an international representative, assistant director of the Construction Department, director of the Construction Department and assistant regional manager in the Mid-Atlantic Region. His focus in the region has been on helping new members organize. He was elected Vice President and named Regional Manager in 2002.

Sharon Clark is being appointed as a representative of the rural areas in Maryland. She is Vice President of Transportation at Perdue Agribusiness Inc. She earned a Masters of Business from Arizona State University and is a resident of Wicomico County.

R. Lamont "Monty" Pagenhardt is being appointed as a representative of rural areas in Maryland. He is County Administrator for Garrett County and is a former Director of Human Resources and Personnel Services for Allegany County. Mr. Pagenhardt is a resident of Garrett County.

Senator Robert J. Garagiola and Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden will represent the Maryland State Senate and Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard and Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines will represent the Maryland House of Delegates on the Commission.

[Directly appointed by the legislation are the Secretary's of Transportation, Budget and Management, Business and Economic Development, and Planning]