

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) January Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: January 28, 2026 – 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Meeting Location: Virtual – Teams Meeting

ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

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| • Lovaas, Deron (MDOT),
ZEEVIC Chair | • Edmondson, David (City of
Frederick/MML) | • Mosier, Kevin (PSC) |
| • Alfred, Walt (Ally Power) | • Forsythe, Nina (City of
Frostburg/MML) | • Sharp, Korin (DGS) |
| • Amiel, Sari (Sierra Club) | • Heuver, Marcel (LKQ) | • Shepherd, Tim (MDE) |
| • Bobek, Kelly (Volvo) | • Ivey, Jolene (Prince
George's County
Council/MACO) | • Wall, Michael (Clinton Electric) |
| • Bowis, John (Chevy Chase
Automotive) | • Kaltenbaugh, Ron (EVADC) | • Wilson, Scott (EVADC) |
| • Cohen, Joshua (SWTCH
Energy) | | • Xu, Bihui (MDP) |
| | | • Young, Weston (Worcester
County/MACO) |

ZEEVIC Member Alternates:

- duPont, Sam (BGE)
- Lindenbaum, Isaak (OPC)
- Stern, Anna (MEA)

Other Presenters:

- Hinh, Amanda (MDOT)
- Schafer, Zachary (MDE)
- Wilkinson, Alison (MDA)

Staff:

- Burke, Virginia (MDOT)
- Francis, Kameice (MDOT/MBI)
- Rodi, Nicole (MDOT/MBI)

Welcome and Announcements

- **Chair Deron Lovaas** introduced the main meeting topics and contextualized recent developments in the EV landscape.

Public Comments

- **Lanny Hartman** expressed interest in having ZEEVIC representatives present at PSC hearings to answer relevant questions. Voiced frustration at the unreliability of statewide charging infrastructure and called attention to some out-of-service chargers. Also conveyed disappointment with the limited avenues for consumer recourse when dealing with faulty chargers.
- **Andy Fraser** is especially concerned about the new EVSE registration program administered by the Weights and Measures office, especially impacts on providing service to areas where charging is needed.

ZEEVIC Future (continued)

Chair Deron Lovaas

- ZEEVIC's term sunsets June 30, 2026, unless it is extended by legislation. Briefly outlined House bill introduced in the 2026 Session - [HB 0451 Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Reporting and Sunset Extension](#).

Questions/Comments

- **Ron Kaltenbaugh** agreed with extending ZEEVIC's termination date, given the current EV landscape.
- **Stephanie Leach** highlighted ZEEVIC's success in facilitating collaboration across various stakeholders. Supports extending ZEEVIC's timeline.
- **Scott Wilson** appreciated that ZEEVIC is a unique forum for stakeholders but would like the Council to have more authority, for example, via a strategy-focused subcommittee.
- **Nina Forsythe** advocated for slightly changing ZEEVIC's mission to better address the EV and EVSE industries' "growing pains".
- **Andy Fraser** asserted that the large audience on the call as well as the pertinent matter being discussed are proof that ZEEVIC should continue.
- **R. Earl Lewis** agreed with Scott Wilson's recommendations and expressed that ZEEVIC is a valuable forum to discuss important ideas regarding EVSE.
- **Elissa Reineck** asked about for more information on the next step in supporting HB 0451. This was clarified by Joshua Cohen.
- **Ron Kaltenbaugh** stated a broad approach that includes EVs and EV infrastructure should be ZEEVIC's mission going forward.
- **Josh Cohen** said ZEEVIC's Legislative Working Group (LWG) will talk about HB 0451 further, and if the LWG reaches a consensus opinion, will bring its recommendation to the full Council at a future meeting.

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) Update

Alison Wilkinson, MDA

- Provided clarification and updates related to the [revised electric vehicle supply equipment \(EVSE\) registration program](#).

Questions/Comments

- **Stephanie Leach (BGE)** asked for more information on how the registration fees were determined for each port/charger. Asked if the requested fees fully cover testing and inspection costs.
- **Scott Wilson** asked for further information on the EVSE registration program's equipment approval and enforcement action processes.
- **Jackie Guild** asked for clarification on whether local government fleets chargers are excepted.
- **Chair Deron Lovaas** requested that meeting attendees send additional questions to him.

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Maryland ACC II/ACT

Workgroup Report

Zachary Schafer, MDE

- Discussed [Working Group's](#) purpose and provided insights into the [final report's](#) preparation process.

Questions/Comments

- **Scott Wilson** asked for more information on the status and future of [ACC II](#).

MDE Maryland Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Act Needs Assessment and Deployment Plan (NADP)

Tim Shepherd, MDE

- Discussed requirements of Study required by Clean Trucks Act. Discussed the timeline and an outline of study and key points.

Questions/Comments

- **Louis Champion** commended the thoroughness of the report. Explained that the findings will allow Maryland to explore adoption where it makes the most sense.

State Agency Announcements and Updates

Virginia Buke, MDOT

- Presented the 'Maryland By the Numbers' update.

Amanda Hinh, MDOT

- Highlighted MDOT-hosted NEVI ribbon-cutting event at new Elkton station in December and briefly discussed current status of NEVI program.

Anna Stearn, MEA

- Provided updates on some of MEA's programs.

Closing Remarks

Chair Deron Lovaas

- The next ZEEVIC meeting will be held in March 2026.
- To receive ZEEVIC Meeting Notices, email: ZEEVIC@mdot.maryland.gov.

Next ZEEVIC Meeting

March 2026

(Date TBD - subject to change)