

# Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

## (ZEEVIC) January Meeting

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

**Meeting Location:** Virtual – Teams Meeting

### ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

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

**March 2026**

***(Date TBD - subject to change)***