

# Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) March Meeting

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**Meeting Date:** 3/13/2026

**Meeting Location:** Virtual – Teams Meeting

**ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:**

- Lovaas, Deron (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Alfred, Walt (Ally Power)
- Amiel, Sari (Sierra Club)
- Bowis, John (Chevy Chase Automotive)
- Cohen, Joshua (SWTCH Energy)
- Edmondson, David (City of Frederick/MML)
- Forsythe, Nina (City of Frostburg/MML)
- Heuver, Marcel (LKQ Corporation)
- Lopez, Diego (MEA)
- Sharp, Korin (DGS)
- Shepherd, Tim (MDE)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Wynne, Vincent (PEPCO)

**ZEEVIC Member Alternates:**

- Lindenbaum, Isaak (OPC)
- McAuliffe, Drew (PSC)
- Sheridan, John (Prince George’s County Council/MACO)

**Staff:**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

This meeting was convened to review a second draft legislative positions letter prepared by the ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group (LWG). The second draft letter was posted on the [ZEEVIC web page](#) on March 4, 2026.



## Legislative Working Group Recommendations

Josh Cohen, Chair of the LWG, and Scott Wilson, Vice Chair of the LWG, discussed the LWG's proposed position on each bill. Members had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

### The LWG recommended support for the following bills:

#### **SB 0622: Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund - Required Uses - Building Electrification and Transportation Electrification – AND – HB 1040: Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund - Mandated Uses - Climate Change Programs**

- Discussed the recently announced [Utility RELIEF \(Reducing Energy Load Inflation for Everyday Families\) Act](#).
- Isaak Lindenbaum provided reasons why the Maryland Office of People's Counsel would abstain from voting on HB 1040.

#### Council Votes to Adopt LWG's Recommended Position

- Oppose – 0 members
- Abstain – 5 members (OPC, MDOT, MDE, MEA, DGS)
- Approve – 9 members

#### **HB 1225: Weights and Measures - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment - Registration Fees**

- Discussion of proposed amendments to this bill the General Assembly may be considering. Meeting participants' understanding of the proposed amendments did not represent the finalized bill language.
- Discussion of a proposed revision to the Letter: "These statements of position are based on the first readers of the bills as introduced, and do not reflect any amendments."

#### Council Votes to Adopt LWG's Recommended Position and to Include the Additional Sentence to the Beginning of the Letter

- Oppose – 0 members
- Abstain – 4 members (DGS, MDE, MDOT, OPC)
- Approve – 7 members

#### **HB 1374: Alternative Fuel, Fuel-Efficient, and Electric Vehicles - Highway Use Fees**

- Discussion regarding implementation, application, and implications of the bill.

#### Council Votes to Adopt LWG's Recommended Position

- Oppose – 0 members
- Abstain – 3 members (MDOT, MDE, DGS)
- Approve – 10 members

**The LWG recommended opposition for the following bills:**

**[HB 0673](#): Consumer Goods - Restrictions Based on Energy Source - Prohibition (Energy Equality Act of 2026)**

- Provided clarifying comments on the content of the bill.

Council Votes to Adopt LWG's Recommended Position

- Oppose – 0 members
- Abstain – 1 member (Marcel Heuver, LKQ Corporation)
- Approve – 9 members

**[HB 1019](#): School Bus Transition - Propane-Powered School Buses - Grant Program, Fund, and Purchase**

- Brief discussion exploring concerns regarding potential delays to the purchase of ZEV school buses.

Council Votes to Adopt LWG's Recommended Position

- Oppose – 0 members
- Abstain – 1 member (MDE)
- Approve – 10 members

**Closing Remarks – Deron Lovaas, Chair**

- Expressed appreciation for everyone's input on the second draft legislative positions letter and participation in ZEEVIC.

**Next ZEEVIC Meeting**

**May 20, 2026**

**(subject to change)**