

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

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**Meeting Date:** 5/20/2026

**Time:** 2:00 to 3:30 PM

**Meeting Location:** Hybrid – Teams Meeting and MDOT Headquarters

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

- Lovaas, Deron (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Alfred, Walt (Ally Power)
- Amiel, Sari (Sierra Club)
- Cohen, Josh (SWTCH Energy)
- Forsythe, Nina (City of Frostburg/MML)
- Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, David (MGA)
- Heuver, Marcel (LKQ Corporation)
- Kaltenbaugh, Ron (EVADC)
- Delegate Odom, Darrell (MGA)
- Powell, Ryan (Commerce)
- Sharp, Korin (DGS)
- Shepherd, Tim (MDE)
- Verchinski, Paul (Public)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Xu, Bihui (MDP)
- Young, Weston (Worcester County/MACO)

## **ZEEVIC Member Alternates:**

- duPont, Sam (BGE)
- Sheridan, John (Prince George's County Council/MACO)
- Van Hoy, Lori (PHI)

## **Other Presenters:**

- Hinh, Amanda (MDOT)
- Wilkinson, Alison (MDA)

## **Staff:**

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

## **Welcome**

- **Chair Deron Lovaas** introduced the main meeting topics and welcomed new member Delegate Darrell Odom.

## **Public Comments**

- **Paul Verchinski** mentioned that, as of 1:00 pm on May 20, 2026, four out of ten BGE-owned fast chargers at Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport Rideshare and Cell Phone lots



were either under repair or offline. He stated this has been a continuous problem with utility-owned chargers, which results in frustration for electric vehicle (EV) drivers.

- **Delegate Darrell Odom** introduced himself as a new ZEEVIC Member, with details regarding his career, and shared that he also owns an EV. Expressed interest in learning more about the impact of EVs on the electricity grid, and carbon footprint
- **Robert Borkowski** raised a concern via the Teams chat feature: “Public Comments: I am concerned and disappointed by the complete lack of any public comment opportunity on the MDA W&M EVSE registration fees—particularly the new fee for Level 2 AC chargers. MDA’s own filings explicitly state “no financial impact,” yet these charges will directly affect station owners, installers, and EV drivers. The public deserves a voice before fees are imposed.”
- **Emmanuel Wagner** would like to discuss the status of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) soon-to-be-implemented EVSE port registration fee. Stated that the registration fee is causing some station operators to stop service and inquired how ZEEVIC plans to work with the MDA Weights and Measures department to address this issue. Also requested more information on ZEEVIC’s change in mission according to the directives outlined in HB 451, especially regarding hydrogen fuel cell technology.

### **Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (ZEVIP)**

Amanda Hinh (MDOT)

- Introduced [ZEVIP](#), provided an overview, and explained reason for its development.
- Elaborated on specific aspects of ZEVIP such as electric vehicle adoption scenario development, projected EV population growth, and projected public charging needs. Also discussed key targets and next steps.
- Highlighted the publicly available [Maryland EV Charging Suitability Tool](#).

### **2026 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session Recap**

Josh Cohen, Scott Wilson

- **Josh Cohen** introduced ZEEVIC’s Legislative Working Group (LWG) and shared thoughts on the 2026 Legislative Session. Explained the LWG’s role and discussed how recommendations are made by the group. Expressed appreciation for all involved.
- **Scott Wilson** presented the 2026 Legislative Session Recap. Provided an explanation of how passed legislation will affect the EV landscape and ZEEVIC’s position on various bills.
- **Scott Wilson** proposed that ZEEVIC can highlight subject matter expertise for legislators.

### **ZEEVIC Updates – Review of House Bill 451**

Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo and Chair Deron Lovaas

- **Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo** explained that he was concerned about ZEEVIC’s expiration, especially in the context of the current federal landscape. Discussed some of the changes made to ZEEVIC’s membership, role, and directives.
- **Chair Deron Lovaas** further explained ZEEVIC’s membership changes and amendments to ZEEVIC’s remit and directives.

## Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) EVSE Registration Update

Alison Wilkinson (MDA)

- Highlighted recent EVSE Stakeholder Meeting about EVSE registration held on April 23, 2026.
- Discussed changes to the [EVSE Registration program](#).
- Clarified changes implemented by HB 969.

## State Agency and Other Announcements

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- No representatives were present.

Korin Sharp (DGS)

- Highlighted annual Earth Day event held on April 29, the Maryland EV Champion Award, and Earth Month webinar series.

## Closing Remarks

Chair Deron Lovaas

- The date of the next ZEEVIC meeting has yet to be determined. Notice of the next meeting date will be sent out to the ZEEVIC email distribution list, and posted on the ZEEVIC webpage.
- To receive ZEEVIC Meeting Notices, email: [ZEEVIC@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:ZEEVIC@mdot.maryland.gov).
- Discussed hopeful insights gleaned from the [2025 Global Electric Vehicle Market Monitor for Light-Duty Vehicles](#).

**Next ZEEVIC Meeting**

***Date TBD***