

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) March Meeting

Meeting Date: 03/14/2024

Meeting Location: Phone/Webinar and MDOT HQ

ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

- Lovaas, Deron (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Alfred, Joe (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)
- Shin, Hyeon-Shic (Morgan State)
- Kaltenbaugh, Ron (EVADC)
- Verchinski, Paul (Public)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Wynne, Vincent (Pepco)
- Young, Weston (Worcester County/MACO)

ZEEVIC Member Alternates:

- Baker, Ben (PSC)
- duPont, Samuel (BGE)
- Law, Natasha (SMECO)
- Lopez, Diego (MEA)
- Woods, Mollie (OPC)

Staff:

- Burke, Virginia (MDOT)
- Cortazzo, Sophia (MDOT)
- Kamara, Hallimah (SensisConnect)
- Sawada, Leo (Jacobs)

Welcome and Announcements

This additional meeting was convened to review a draft legislative positions letter prepared by the ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group (LWG). The letter will be submitted on Friday, March 15th to relevant MGA Committees.

Draft Legislative Positions Letter Review

Josh Cohen, Chair of the LWG, presented the letter by talking through the LWG's proposed position on each bill. Throughout his presentation of the letter members had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

The LWG recommended support of the following bills:

[HB 0064](#) – Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles - Eligibility

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 0156](#) – Transportation – Electric Bicycle Rebate and Voucher Program

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 0159](#) / [SB 0465](#) - Common Ownership Communities – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Act of 2024).

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 0437](#) / [SB 0553](#) – Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Membership

- Brief discussion regarding the specific changes to ZEEVIC membership proposed in this bill.

[HB 0652](#) - Vehicle Laws - Electric Vehicles - Weight Limits

- There was discussion about the [Fiscal and Policy note](#) developed by SHA regarding this bill.

[HB 0689](#) - Electric Vehicles – Repeal of Excise Tax Credit and Establishment of Rebate Program

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 0889](#) / [SB 0695](#) - Building Code – Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units – Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces.

- There was discussion about whether the bill would establish a statewide parking minimum. It was clarified that this bill is not expected to impose a statewide parking minimum.

[HB 1279](#) / [SB 1023](#) - Maryland Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use, Energy Conservation, and Electric- and Solar-Ready Standards (Better Buildings Act of 2024).

- No comments from the council/working group members.

The LWG recommended opposition of the following bill:

[HB 1247](#) / [SB 1063](#) - Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program - Application and Enforcement.

- No comments from the council/working group members.

The LWG recommended taking no position on the following bills:

- [HB 0774](#) - Motor Vehicles - Certificate of Title Fees - Zero-Emission Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles.
- [HB 0913](#) - Motor Vehicles – Registration – Annual Surcharge.
- [HB 1280](#) / [SB 1076](#)- Sales and Use Tax – Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles – Transportation Trust Fund.
- [SB 1065](#)- Motor Vehicles - Registration - Annual Surcharge.

No comments on these bills from the council/working group members.

Additional Remarks

- Members made suggestions for process improvements for the LWG for future years.
- A suggestion was made to ensure future bills use technology-neutral language.

Council Vote

The Council voted to approve the submission of the letter to MGA Committees on behalf of ZEEVIC.

- Oppose - None
- Abstain – Ben Baker (PSC)
- Approve – all other members present

Closing Remarks – Deron Lovaas, Chair

- Provided closing remarks appreciating everyone's input on the draft legislative positions letter.
- Remaining 2024 meeting dates: April 24, July 24, October 23

Next ZEEVIC Meeting

April 24, 2024