

Health and Wellness Legislative Council Conference Call
February 7, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Minutes

The Maryland State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness held a conference call on 2/7/2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Sumit Bassi
Angela Deal
Mychelle Farmer
Gary Gerstenblith
Margaret Gwaltney
Jessica Kiel
Namisa Kramer
Cameron Pollock
Teresa Titus-Howard
Pamela Xenakis

MDH Staff Present

Maya Nirmalraj
Kristi Pier

Guests Present

Members Not Present

Mary Backley
Jennifer Eastman
Lois Freeman
Donna Gugel
Roger Harrell
Linda Kline
Julie Maneen
Seth Martin
David McShea
Aruna Nathan
Josie Ogaitis
Rachel Pigott
Vivienne Rose
Jason Semanoff
Kristin Watson
Anne Williams
Vanina Wolf

1. Open Legislative Council Meeting

Ms. Kiel called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:02 AM and held roll call. The bylaws state a majority of the full membership is a quorum, which is 18 votes. Since the previous positions the council voted on did not meet the quorum requirements, the group decided to revote on SB 233 Business Regulation -- Flavored Tobacco Products -- Prohibitions, which is being heard next week. All members who are not present on the call will receive a link to vote on the letter.

2. Vote

Dr. Farmer motioned to open the vote for SB 233 and Ms. Titus-Howard seconded the motion.

SB 233: The letter of support for this bill was discussed. 7 members voted in support of the letter during the call and 3 members abstained; 9 members voted in support online, 1 voted not in support, and 3 members abstained; a total of 16 members voted in support, 1 voted not in support and 6 abstained.

3. Open Comment from Public

There were no comments or questions from the public.

4. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM