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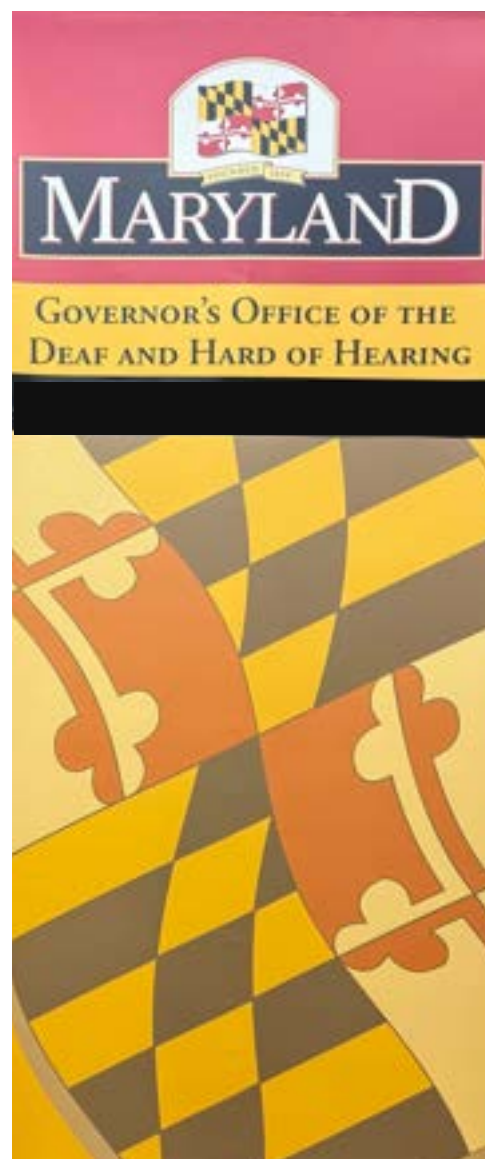
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GOVERNOR MOORE JUNE RECAP



Economic Development

- Governor Wes Moore met with business leaders and the American Business Immigration Coalition to discuss the impact of federal immigration policies on Maryland's workforce and announced a partnership between the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and BAL to help employers navigate immigration policy changes.
- The Maryland Board of Public Works approved a seven-year Airline Use Agreement for Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Airport, establishing operational and financial terms through 2033.
- Governor Moore launched the first phase of Megawatts for Maryland, investing \$100 million to expand renewable energy, energy storage, and lower long-term energy costs.
- Through the Delivering for Maryland tour, the Governor highlighted investments in Wicomico, Frederick, Talbot, and Harford counties, including parks, higher education, broadband, healthcare, military infrastructure, downtown revitalization, affordable housing, and community facilities.
- The State approved the acquisition of Laurel Park to create a modern horse training facility and strengthen Maryland's thoroughbred racing industry.
- Governor Moore toured Coca-Cola Consolidated's Baltimore facility, recognizing its 60th anniversary and partnership to provide 250,000 meals in celebration of America's 250th birthday.



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GOVERNOR MOORE JUNE RECAP CONT'D



Public Assistance Programs

- Governor Moore announced a partnership with the Bridge Project to provide direct cash assistance to 150 low-income mothers in Hagerstown, Park Heights, and Cherry Hill.
- Signed an executive order creating the Maryland Immigrant Rights Protection Task Force to protect immigrant communities from fraud, discrimination, exploitation, and wage theft while expanding multilingual outreach and legal referrals.
- Broke ground on the University of Maryland Shore Regional Medical Center to improve healthcare access in rural Maryland.
- Highlighted investments in affordable senior housing through the Montevue Senior Housing project.
- Blackwell Hall at Salisbury University will centralize financial aid, advising, counseling, career services, disability support, and student health resources.

Fiscal Accountability

- The Board of Public Works approved the BWI Airline Use Agreement.
- The State committed \$100 million through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund for Megawatts for Maryland.
- The Maryland Stadium Authority approved a \$48.5 million agreement to acquire Laurel Park while saving the State more than \$50 million.
- Continued state investments were highlighted in education, healthcare, broadband, housing, parks, military facilities, and community revitalization projects.

Intergovernmental Affairs

- Created the Maryland Immigrant Rights Protection Task Force, bringing together the Governor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Comptroller, and other state agencies.
- Continued collaboration with local governments, universities, healthcare systems, businesses, and community organizations through the Delivering for Maryland tour.
- The Maryland Energy Administration opened public and stakeholder engagement for the Megawatts for Maryland program.

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Other Updates

- Governor Moore highlighted historic reductions in violent crime and non-fatal shootings during remarks at the Center for American Progress IDEAS Conference.
- Delivered commencement addresses at Frostburg State University and Johnson C. Smith University, encouraging graduates to lead through service and community engagement.
- Maryland First Lady Dawn Flythe Moore received the Lillian Miles Lewis Luminary Award.
- Participated in the ribbon-cutting of Blandair Regional Park, recognized Maryland's Teacher of the Year, and honored first responders in Easton.
- Maryland Chamber of Commerce and BAL will provide immigration guidance and educational resources for employers.
- The Immigrant Rights Protection Task Force will provide multilingual outreach, legal referrals, and consumer protection resources.
- The Maryland Energy Administration is accepting stakeholder input on Megawatts for Maryland.
- The Bridge Project provides direct financial assistance to eligible mothers.
- Continued investments expanded access to broadband, healthcare, parks, education, housing, and community resources statewide.

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GODHH June Events

NIC/BEI Study Table

On May 9, 2026, Outreach Interpreter Manager Tanéa Brown led an in-person Study Table designed to provide a focused and disciplined learning space for interpreters. This initiative supports HB 260 and aligns with the Moore–Miller Administration’s priorities of Connecting Marylanders to Jobs and Making Maryland a State that Serves.

Study Tables offer interpreters an opportunity to exchange notes, collaborate, and support one another in preparation for the certification exam.



ID: A photo of four women sitting and smiling at the camera.

JUNE SPOTLIGHT



Martelle Alonza Washington is a DeafBlind Special Educator/Teacher of the Deaf for Prince George's County Public Schools District. He is also a loving father to one daughter, who is currently entering her final year of college at the University of Texas @ San Antonio where she is an Art major focusing on art history and architecture designs.

Martelle Washington has served classrooms for Los Angeles Unified School District, DC Public Schools before finding his special home at Doswell E. Brooks Elementary School for PGCPs, where he serves as a DHOH Resource Teacher serving over 70 Deaf students from grades Pre-K 2 all the way up to 5th grade.

Martelle Washington is passionate about serving the Deaf community of students, especially Deaf students with additional disabilities. Along with a co-teacher, Martelle coordinates and manages parent-engagement nights at Doswell E Brooks while also holding a position on the school's Leadership Team. The purpose of parent-engagement is to bridge communication barriers deaf and hard of hearing students face with their hearing parents. Students, parents and teachers engage in meetings about deaf culture, language deprivation, deaf socialization, and learning ASL to develop a foundational language for all of DHOH students at Doswell E. Brooks.

Martelle Washington work in the deaf community is guided by two quotes:

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." -Jackie Robinson

"If I am not useful, then I am useless." -Maya Angelou

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