



Maryland Energy Administration

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Constructing, financing, and utilizing solar energy has raised many questions. Those questions are some of the reasons the Maryland legislature created the Task Force to Study Solar Incentives (“Task Force”) under Chapter 545 of the 2023 Laws of Maryland. As chair of the Task Force, I am pleased to announce our first scheduled meeting and to lay out the foundation of future meetings that will carry us through to our goal. The scope of the work is great and the timeline is limited. Therefore, it is incumbent that we work efficiently. To help ensure every member’s voice is heard, I am also contemplating some smaller, ad hoc teams or “breakout groups” that can help us dig deeper into specific subject matter and work collaboratively to find creative solutions to the questions we are charged with answering.

Meetings will be held in-person, with the first meeting taking place at Montgomery Park (1800 Washington Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21230) on July 18, 2023 from 1-3 PM. While in person attendance is strongly preferred, the meeting will be hybrid allowing for remote participation. Please find a tentative agenda below. Initially thereafter, I anticipate monthly meetings through the month of December. Understanding that you have many commitments, we are likely to rely on the work of Task Force Staff and consultants, breakout groups, and may need to schedule additional meetings. Also, keep in mind that the agenda outlined below is subject to change.

Please let us know if you plan on attending by July 13, by contacting Landon Fahrige via email at landon.fahrige@maryland.gov. I look forward to working with the Task Force Members, as well as Staff, to reach the best result for Maryland.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Pinsky
Director
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July 18 Meeting - Introduction and Relaying the Landscape as We Know It.

- Welcome & Task Force Members introductions (20-30 minutes, ~1 min. each)
- Review Task Force objectives under [SB469](#), (20-30 min)
- Review current policy goals related to solar: (10 min)
 - Climate Solutions
 - Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Current state of solar in MD - Presentation on current state of solar (1 hr.)
 - State requirements, in MW and acres, to reach its goal
 - Estimates of existing rooftop, utility scale, brownfields, other community solar
- Solicitation for interest in “breakout groups” (5 min)
 - Utility Scale
 - Rooftop and Community Solar
 - Harder to build (landfill, canopies, etc...)