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STATE OF MARYLAND
PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE BOARD

Annual Meeting
August 28, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Online – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

AGENDA

1. Call to order, welcome, introductions (Chair)
2. Update from Public Access Ombudsman's Office (Lisa Kershner, Alisa Bralove-Scherr)
3. Brief overview of number and nature of complaints in FY 2026 (AAG)
4. Review and discussion of draft annual report (Board)
5. Motions for any changes to draft report, and votes (Board)
6. Board member recommendations for changes to the PIA (Board)
 - Amend GP § 4-101(k)(1) of the PIA to expand the definition of "public record" to include the original or any copy of any documentary material in any form that is made or received by a unit or an instrumentality of the State or of a political subdivision, *including its agents*, in connection with the transaction of public business (Debra Gardner)
 - Amend GP § 4-1A-04(a) to give the Board authority to review a custodian's denial of a request for a fee waiver under GP § 4-206(e) (Debra Gardner)
 - Amend GP § 4-205(c)(5) to add language in italics, "If a public record exists in a searchable and analyzable electronic format, the action of a custodian providing a portion of the public record in a searchable and analyzable electronic format

does not constitute creating a new public record, even if the request would require data compilation, extraction, querying, statistical aggregation, or any other form of data manipulation the database program is capable of performing to produce the public record (Debra Gardner)

7. Motions to include specific recommendations in report, and votes (Board)
8. Discussion of legislative advocacy by Board regarding recommendations (Board)
9. Final instructions to staff for content of annual report (Chair)
10. Public comments (as time allows)
11. Closing remarks, adjournment (Chair)

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