

Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) March Meeting

Meeting Date: 3/14/2025

Meeting Location: Virtual – Teams Meeting

ZEEVIC Members/Appointed Representatives in Attendance:

- Deron Lovaas (MDOT), ZEEVIC Chair
- Alfred, Walt (Ally Power)
- Amiel, Sari (Sierra Club)
- Cohen, Joshua (SWTCH Energy)
- Edmondson, David (City of Frederick/MML)
- Forsythe, Nina (City of Frostburg/MML)
- Heuver, Marcel (LKQ Corporation)
- Kaltenbaugh, Ron (EVADC)
- Lopez, Diego (MEA)
- Powell, Ryan (Commerce)
- Sharp, Korin (DGS)
- Shepherd, Tim (MDE)
- Verchinski, Paul (Public)
- Wilson, Scott (EVADC)
- Wimmer, Robert (Toyota)
- Wynne, Vincent (PHI)

ZEEVIC Member Alternates:

- Sam DuPont (BGE)
- Lindenbaum, Isaak (OPC)
- McAuliffe, Drew (PSC)
- Sheridan, John (Prince George's County Council/MACO)

Staff:

- Burke, Virginia (MDOT)
- Cortazzo, Sophia (MDOT)

Welcome and Announcements

The meeting was convened to review a second draft legislative positions letter prepared by the ZEEVIC Legislative Working Group (LWG). The draft letter was posted on the ZEEVIC web page on March 10, 2025. Chair Deron Lovaas briefly reviewed the reason for the second letter, the role of ZEEVIC, and outlined the structure of the meeting.

Legislative Working Group Recommendations

Josh Cohen, Chair of the LWG, discussed the LWG's proposed position on each bill. Members had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

The LWG recommended support for the following bills:

[HB 0897](#): Maryland Department of Transportation – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Expansion – Plans and Programs

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 1088/SB 0882](#): Coal Transportation Fee and Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund (Coal Dust Cleanup and Asthma Remediation Act)

- No comments from the council/working group members.



[HB 1176](#): Motor Vehicles – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles in HOV Lane – Termination Date

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 1273](#): Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and Customer-Sited Solar Program – Alterations

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[HB 1457](#): Alternative Fuel, Fuel-Efficient, and Electric Vehicles – Highway Use Fees

- Members discussed how this bill addresses issues of fairness and potential biases. Also discussed how this bill would be implemented.

[HB 1496](#): Building Code – Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units – Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces

- No comments from the council/working group members.

The LWG recommended opposition for the following bills:

[HB 1008/SB 0557](#): Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax and Associated Mandated Devices - Prohibition (Transportation Freedom Act of 2025)

- No comments from the council/working group members.

[SB 1020](#): Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement

- Paul Verchinski explained the reasons for his support of ZEEVIC’s position on this bill.

Council Vote

- A motion was made to sign the existing letter as it is. The motion was seconded. However, a decision was made to discuss [HB 1457](#) in further detail before the vote.
- 14 ZEEVIC members in attendance voted to submit the letter to the Maryland General Assembly (MGA). One member abstained (Deron Lovaas, MDOT).

Additional Remarks

- Time was allocated for further discussion of [HB 1556](#) and [HB 1225/SB 0908](#). Paul Verchinski outlined the reasons for his support of HB 1225/SB 0908. In response, Ethan Holmes outlined the reasons for his opposition of HB 1225/SB 0908.

Closing Remarks

Deron Lovaas, Chair

- Expressed appreciation for everyone’s input on the second draft legislative positions letter.

Next ZEEVIC Meeting

April 23, 2025