

# Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection

## Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Ira Rheingold, Timothy Robinson, Ingmar Goldson, Savitri Taneja, Lesley MacDonald, Linda Perlman

### OCP STAFF PRESENT

Brittany Clingerman, Patty Vitale, Brian Shin, Shaun Carew

### CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Ira Rheingold. The vote to adopt the agenda was unanimous.

### I) GUEST SPEAKER

- Kat Hyland (Deputy Commissioner for the Financial Services & Consumer Protection Office of Financial Regulation at the Maryland Department of Labor) joined the meeting and discussed the financial regulation and consumer protection work she and her office do.

### II) NEW BUSINESS

- **Response to federal crisis and support for affected workers**
  - The Committee discussed what information they can provide to the community related to layoffs. Brittany Clingerman shared that the County has a website with resources for workers impacted by recent federal government actions: [Resources for Workers Impacted by Recent Federal Government Actions](#)
- **Planning a consumer education initiative and increasing public awareness efforts**
  - Ira Rheinhold recommended to focus on consumer education planning. This could include webinars are collaborating with groups on events, live events, or attending larger County events.
  - Tim Robinson mentioned having a webinar library to increase accessibility of educational materials.
  - Committee agreed to focus on the topic of mortgage protections and scams targeting vulnerable residents for educational programming.
  - Plans for next meeting include discussion on potential webinar, including topics and outline, potential dates and times, speakers, and involvement needed from OCP.

### III) OFFICE REPORT

- OCP put out a [news release](#) about the rise in driveway paving scams.
- Ira Rheingold was a guest on OCP's latest [podcast episode](#) of Consumer Connection.
- OCP is also in the process of creating a media room to be used for video content creation and media interviews. Shaun Carew shared that this could be used for potential committee webinars or educational content creation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – virtual.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. by Ira Rheingold.