



Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC)

October 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Virtual: [Remote Teams Meeting link](#)

Mission

The mission of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC) is to support community-based organizations serving Montgomery County communities most impacted by the disproportionate enforcement of cannabis prohibition, by providing targeted funding to promote equity, healing, and opportunity.

Attendance

Members Present (Remote)

- Dr. Donna Baird
- Dr. Nadia Brown
- Mr. Eddie Ellis
- Mr. David Feehan
- Mr. Colin Fraser
- Mr. Harold Hill
- Mr. Roman Ipanag
- Mr. Dustin Koonce
- Ms. Venice Mundle-Harvey
- Ms. Zakiya Sankara-Jabar

Members Not Present

- Ms. Kim Jones
- Ms. Vanita Taylor

Proof of Quorum

The Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC) is composed of 13 members. At the time of the meeting, 10 members were present, 2 were absent, and 1 had formally resigned. In accordance with Maryland's Open Meetings Act, which defines a quorum as majority of active

members, the presence of 10 members satisfies the quorum requirement. Therefore, official business could be conducted.

Staff Present

- Dr. James Bridgers
- Briana Hunter
- Dr. Christopher Rogers
- Dawnn Williams
- Rafael Murphy
- Dr. Nina Ashford
- Sean O'Donnell

Guests

- Will Corbin
- Kelli Hudson

Guest Speakers

- Courtney Davis, Office of Social Equity
- Audrey Johnson, Office of Social Equity
- Erin O'Connor, Montgomery County Ethics Commission

Handouts

- Slides Presentation: Montgomery County Community Reinvestment Fund, Office of Social Equity
- Slides Presentation: Montgomery County Ethics Commission
- Slides Presentation: Montgomery County Community Reinvestment Fund, Department of Health and Human Services

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:03PM.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced with a brief welcome from Dr. Christopher Rogers, Department of Health and Human Services, Policy and Strategy Officer and program lead of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC). Dr. Rogers expressed appreciation for the members' continued commitment and acknowledged the significance of the Commission's work in advancing equity and community healing.

Following the welcome, Dr. Rogers facilitated introductions of the Commission members, allowing each attendee to briefly share their name, role, and affiliation.

After introductions, Dr. James Bridgers, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), delivered opening remarks. The Director provided an in-depth welcome, emphasizing the County's dedication to addressing the historical impacts of cannabis prohibition and the importance of the Commission's role in guiding equitable reinvestment. The remarks highlighted the County's broader vision for community empowerment, transparency, and restorative justice.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

As this was the inaugural meeting of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC), there were no previous meeting minutes to review or approve.

Review and Approve Meeting Agenda

As this was the first official meeting of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission (CRRFC), the meeting agenda was developed and presented by program staff to guide the initial proceedings. The agenda moving forward will be created and reviewed by the Commission.

Meeting Minutes Agenda Items

1. Maryland Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Updates
 - a. The Office of Social Equity (OSE) provided detailed highlights to the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund for Montgomery County.
 - b. Details to the CRRF that has been implemented in the other counties, how MD distributes cannabis tax revenue, as well as the disproportionately impacted areas by zip code.
 - c. OSE detailed guidelines of how funds can and cannot be used and prior CRRF survey results detailing insights on how funding should be prioritized.
2. Voting of Board Officers: Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. 5 interested candidates in Chair and/or Vice Chair position
 - b. Each candidate provided a brief one-minute introduction, the role of interest, and why they would like to hold the officer position.
 - c. Board members completed voting using an anonymous poll (via Microsoft Forms) and voted on their candidate of choice.
 - d. Voting concluded with selections as follows; Colin Fraser, Chair and Venice Mundle-Harvey, Vice Chair.
3. Presentation: BCC, Your Role as "Public Employees"
 - a. Discussion was led by Erin O'Connor on Montgomery County Public Ethics Law and Ethics Regulations.
 - b. The location of the Public Ethics Law and mandatory training for Commissioners.
4. Program Overview
 - a. DHHS Staff provided an overview of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund project to include;

- b. Purpose of the Commission and its vital role in ensuring cannabis revenue is used its intended purpose.
 - c. Commissioners' duties as it relates to the designing of the grant program, applicant recommendations, providing insight and assistance to developing strategies and regulatory guidance to repair harm and strengthen equity and community investment caused by cannabis prohibition.
 - d. Potential types of programs and services the CRRFC may support.
 - e. CRRFC Budget for FY26 and FY27.
- 5. Program Progress and Updates
 - a. DHHS Staff provided a brief update on the work our team has been doing to date, including;
 - b. Foundational development of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with final input from the Commission.
 - c. Development of guiding principles that will ensure the program is equitable, transparent, community empowered and accountable as well as creation of program recommendations that align with the funds legal requirements that will assist the Commission in the application review process.
 - d. The mapping of existing county programs and services to determine program overlap and potential areas with limited or no services to determine gaps where new investments are needed.
- 6. Other Business
 - a. Discussed next steps of working with the Commissioners to finalize NOFO, information surrounding the upcoming activities and exercises that will aid in the NOFO development, scoring and review process. This includes activities to align guiding principles, data interpretation, community engagement planning, and grant review.
 - b. Action items included scheduling follow-up meetings with the newly appointed Chair and Vice Chair for agenda structure and items of importance. As well as discussion of CRRFC 2026 Meeting schedule.
 - i. The Commission Chair motioned for a monthly schedule from Jan. 2026 to June 2026.
 - ii. Commission Members voted (with majority voting) on a schedule to meet monthly on the second Wednesday from 6:30PM to 8:30PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a hybrid in person and virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 6:30PM-8:30PM at **401 Hungerford Dr., Rockville MD, 20850** (meeting room to be shared) and virtually using the link provided: [Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission Meeting](#).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at "6:37PM".