



Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs 4th Quarterly Commission Meeting

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Thursday, November 13, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Agenda

- a) **Meeting Call to Order:**
Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
- b) **Commission Roll Call and Introductions:**
Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
- c) **Adoption of Agenda:**
Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
- d) **Approval of Minutes for 09/18/25:**
Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
- e) **Opening Remarks (Vice Chair's Report):**
Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs
 - a) Recap of the Commissioner's Retreat
- f) **GOCI Remarks:**
Dr. Antwan Brown, Administrative Director, Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- g) **Presentation from Maryland Department of Labor (Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning)**
Joana R. Costa Winningham, GCDF, CPRW (she/ela/ella), New Americans Initiative Coordinator
- h) **Standing Committees:**
 - a) *Education & Health Committee (Commissioner Ayesha Gulistan)*
 - b) *Local Engagement & Inclusion (No Updates)*
- i) **Working Groups:**
 - a) *Event Planning (Alissa Deavers)*
 - b) *Interfaith Programs (Commissioner Amal Ali)*
 - c) *Partnerships/Focus Groups (Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa)*
 - d) *Strategic Communication/Legislation (No Updates)*
 - e) *Strategy Planning (No Updates)*
 - f) *Maryland 250 Planning (Commissioner Ammar Abdulhamid)*
- j) **New Business / Old Business:**
- k) **Motion for Adjournment:**
Vice Chair Ala'a Wafa, Governor's Commission on Middle Eastern American Affairs