

## **MCCC PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

Our five MCCC Policy Committees are a great opportunity to network, get involved in public policy, and find out what's happening in your community. MCCC effectively advocates at the County, State and Federal levels on issues of importance to our members. Below are some FAQs about MCCC policy committees.

Some things to keep in mind:

- Committees are exclusive to members, at no cost.
- Policy committees routinely welcome new participants, so don't hesitate to participate.
- You are welcome to join multiple committees in order to discover which one suits you best.
- Committee meetings aren't just policy discussions; they are also great networking opportunities.

**1) *How many people sit on a policy committee?***

Generally, between 25 and 40 people attend each meeting of our committees. However, approximately 100 people are on each committee mailing list and the composition of which members attend varies month to month.

**2) *How often do committees meet and how long do they last? What are meeting times? What is the format?***

Committees typically meet once-a-month. No meetings are held in August. Infrastructure & Land Use and Legislative Committee last 90 minutes.

Economic Development, Education, and Small Business Committee meetings last 60 minutes. All meetings start at 8:00 AM except Infrastructure & Land Use which starts at 8:30 AM. Guest speakers are generally featured at each meeting. Once introduced by the Chair, each committee member introduces themselves (i.e. your name and name of company). After the speaker's prepared remarks, all are welcome to participate in a Q&A. Meeting time is also set aside for administrative matters and approval of minutes.

**3) *What is the expected role of a committee member?***

Meetings are designed for you to listen and learn about public policy issues

**4) *Is there time spent on committee work outside of the monthly meeting time?***

No. The role of the committee chair and co-chair is to work with staff in order to plan meetings and do the substantive work of the committee. We always appreciate your feedback, but no outside time commitment is required.

**5) *What if I have an idea for a committee topic or speaker?***

It's a great day when we hear from you, so give Lisa Fadden, VP of Public Affairs a call if you have a topic or speaker idea. She'll discuss it with the committee chairs and help to give you a sense of whether or not it fits in with the committee's agenda for the year.

**6) *How do I join a committee?***

Call MCCC VP of Public Affairs Lisa Fadden who is the contact for all policy committees. She can be reached at (240) 403 3505 or [lfadden@mccc.md](mailto:lfadden@mccc.md)

**7) *What if I'm not sure which committee would be the best use of my time?***

Call Lisa and she will talk it through with you!