

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND PROTOCOL

Public Hearing Schedule (each public hearing will be followed by a one hour commission meeting from 7-8pm)			
Date	Time	Location	Topic
July 28	3-7pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	Capital Punishment Statistics: Racial, Jurisdictional, and Socio-Economic Disparities
Aug 5	3-7pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	Continuation of First Topic; U.S. Supreme Court and Maryland Death Penalty Law
Aug 19	3-7pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	Effects of Prolonged Capital Court Cases; Cost Comparison of Death Penalty and Less-Than-Death Alternative Sentences
Sept 5	3-7pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	Risk of Innocent People Being Executed; Impact of DNA in Assuring Accuracy in Capital Cases; All Aspect of Capital Punishment as Currently and Historically Administered in the State
Sept 22	3-7pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	Tentative Public Hearing if Necessary
Commission Meeting Schedule			
Oct 7	3-8 pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	
Oct 24	3-8 pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	
Nov 20	3-8 pm	Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis	

Protocols:

The first portion of each public hearing shall be reserved for testimony from invited experts. Each expert will be given 15 minutes to present their oral testimony. Written submissions from expert witnesses would be appreciated a week in advance. The Commissioners will have approximately 15 minutes collectively to question the expert. The Commission Staff welcomes suggestions by any member of the Commission regarding experts to be invited.

Public testimony will begin immediately following the testimony of any invited experts. Public testimony shall be limited to 3-5 minutes per person. The Commissioners will have 2-3 minutes collectively to question members of the public on their testimony. The order of public testimony shall be determined by signup starting 30 minutes prior to each meeting at a table immediately outside the Joint Hearing Room.

The Commission shall accept written testimony from any person who wishes to submit it. If possible, written testimony should be submitted at or prior to the hearing covering the topic most relevant to the topic of the written testimony. However, the Commission is flexible and will accept testimony on any subject relevant to the Commission's overall objectives in the interest of being as informed as possible.

An archive of all written and audio materials shall be maintained by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's Statistical Analysis Center. This archive shall be placed on a publicly accessible website in a timely manner.