

**Maryland 529
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 8, 2017
3:00 – 3:30 PM**

**Conference Call
Conference call details: Dial 1-866-247-6034**

Board Members/Designees Present

Geoffrey Newman, Secretary of Higher
Education's Designee
Steven Serra, Superintendent of
School's Designee
Carol Beatty, Secretary of Maryland
Department of Disabilities
Andrew Friedson, Comptroller of
Maryland's Designee
Pamela Purcell, Chancellor of University
System of Maryland's Designee (via
phone)
Dee Anna Sobczak
Charles Tharp
Dr. Lisa Weah

Board Members/Designees Absent

Nancy K. Kopp, State Treasurer and
Board Chair
Carol Coughlin
Keith Persinger

Staff, Representatives and Guests

Lauren Shipley, Executive Director
Bernadette Benik, Deputy
Treasurer
Susanne Brogan, Deputy Treasurer for
Public Policy
Meghan Marek, Assistant Attorney
General
Anya Tapé, Executive Assistant

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• Maryland ABLE Update

Ms. Shipley reminded the Board of its vote that staff proceed with negotiating a state partnership in order to implement the ABLE program with a preference for the partner state in the following order: Oregon, Ohio and Virginia.

She reported that negotiations had been ongoing with both Oregon and Ohio and that the Board's input was needed before further action could be taken.

Counsel announced that the discussion required consideration of confidential commercial information.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Maryland 529 Board moves into a closed session in accordance with §§ 3-305(b)(7) and (13) of the General Provisions Article of the

Maryland Annotated Code to discuss the confidential commercial information related to potential state partnerships and to receive advice of counsel in relation thereto.

The meeting adjourned without returning to open session.

Approved: Steve Serra

Steve Serra
Board Secretary

Date: 8/7/18

EXHIBIT LIST

1. Ohio ABLE Program Summary