

BUDGET (CODE 23.01.05.06)

FY1991 Total Appropriation	\$421,891
General Funds	\$421,891
FY1991 Total Authorized Positions	7

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to General Assembly.

The State Ethics Commission was established in 1979 to replace the Maryland Public Disclosure Advisory Board and the State Board of Ethics (Chapter 513, Acts of 1979).

The Commission guards against improper influence on public officials or the appearance of conflict of interest. The Commission, with the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Judicial Disabilities Commission, administers and implements the Maryland Public Ethics Law. That law requires disclosure of the financial affairs of public officials and sets minimum standards for the conduct of State and local government.

The Commission's authority encompasses conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying disclosure.

At the request of persons subject to the law and to Commission jurisdiction, the State Ethics Commission renders advisory opinions concerning the application of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. It investigates complaints that allege a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. On its own initiative, the Commission also may issue and investigate complaints. The Commission receives and reviews financial disclosure statements and lobbyist registration and activity reports. It assists and monitors the activity of local government in enacting local public ethics laws. The Commission provides training and information for those covered by the statute and for the public. The work of the Commission is coordinated with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics and the Judiciary.

The Commission prepares a directory of firms that conduct a certain amount of business with the State. A pamphlet describing the Commission's program is available in limited quantities. Financial disclosure forms and lobbyists' reports are available for public inspection.

The Commission consists of five members appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. One member is nominated by the Senate President and one by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Of the three remaining members, one must be a member of the principal political party to which the incumbent governor does not belong. The Commission appoints an executive director, general counsel, and staff counsel (Code 1957, Art. 40A).

MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY

Henry L. Hein, *Chairperson*, 1994

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: John J. Davis, 1991; John B. Foard, Jr., 1991; Austin A. Zimmer, 1992; Raymond E. Nicholas, Sr., 1993; James V. Melton, 1994; Craig A. Snoops, 1995; T. Allan Stradley, 1995.

Ex officio: Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., Secretary of Agriculture; Martin W. Walsh, Jr., Secretary of General Services; Craig S. Oliver, Ph.D., Director, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland System.

Donald J. Darnall, *Executive Director*

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BUDGET (CODE 23.14.00)

Nonbudgeted Funds	
FY1991 Total Expenditure (est.)	\$2,462,479
FY1991 Total Authorized Positions	35

MANDATED REPORTS

- Analysis of any proposed construction project to Legislative Policy Committee for comment & to Department of Fiscal Services.*
- Annual Report to Board of Public Works, Office on Minority Affairs, & Legislative Policy Committee on procurement contracts awarded to certified minority business enterprises due Sept. 30.*
- Annual Statement to Governor & General Assembly.*

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairperson: Donald J. Darnall, Executive Director 225-1900

Appointed by Maryland Agricultural Commission: Allen Baugher; John Hochmuth; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr.; Edward Quidas; Anthony R. Worm.

Appointed by Maryland Wholesale Produce Market Tenants: W. D. Class, Jr.; Dick Cucina; Richard Holloway; Thomas Rahlh; Robert Sudano.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Donald J. Darnall 225-1900

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Shirley Rachinskas 225-1900

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Peggy W. Krieger 225-1900

PROJECT COORDINATORS

Susan L. Rush 225-1900

Sharon L. Brannan 225-1900

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Betty L. McCord 225-1900