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## MARYLAND AVIATION COMMISSION

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*Chair:* David L. Winstead, Secretary  
of Transportation  
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Established in 1994, the Maryland Aviation Commission oversees the Maryland Aviation Administration (Chapter 457, Acts of 1994). The Commission establishes policies for BWI Airport and approves policies and regulations for the operation of Martin State Airport and for major capital projects of the Administration.

Chaired by the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission includes nine members. Eight are named to three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. One serves *ex officio*.

### MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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The Maryland Aviation Administration originated in 1929 when the State Aviation Commission was established (Chapter 318, Acts of 1929). The State Aviation Administration replaced the Commission and became a unit of the Department of Transportation in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970). The Administration was renamed in 1989 as the Maryland Aviation Administration (Chapter 108, Acts of 1990). Under direction of the Maryland Aviation Commission since 1994, the Administration develops and operates airports and fosters and regulates aeronautical activity within the State.

Baltimore/ Washington International (BWI) Airport, the State's major air carrier facility, is operated by the Administration. BWI Airport formerly was Friendship International Airport, which began operation in 1950. In 1972, the State was authorized to purchase Friendship International Airport from Baltimore City (Chapter 180, Acts of 1972). The Airport was renamed BWI in 1973. The Administration also supervises the operation of the Martin State Airport in Baltimore County. Martin was purchased by the State in 1975.

For safety, the Administration inspects and licenses commercial airports, air schools, and air school instructors. It fosters safety in aviation through educational seminars for pilots and mechanics and through its publications, including a combined Maryland airports directory and aeronautical chart.

The Administration provides technical and financial assistance to airport sponsors and owners in the preparation of master plans and in improvements to facilities. Standardized runway markings are applied and maintained at airports throughout the State. In cooperation with other agencies, the Administration has prepared a Maryland Aviation System Plan (Code Transportation Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-1105).

The Executive Director is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the Governor's approval and Maryland Aviation Commission advice.

Under the Administration are five offices: Airport Operations; Business Administration; Marketing and Development; Planning and Engineering; and Regional Aviation Assistance.

### BOARD OF AIRPORT ZONING APPEALS

John P. Giere, *Chair*, 1999  
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The Board of Airport Zoning Appeals was formed in 1968 to help enforce noise zone regulations for Baltimore/ Washington International (BWI) Airport (Chapter 450, Acts of 1968). These regulations establish a "noise zone" around BWI Airport. In this zone, new land development is prohibited if it is incompatible with airport noise levels. The Board grants specific variances from airport zoning regulations in cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

The Board's ten members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the Secretary of Transportation's advice and Senate advice and consent. The Governor names the chair (Code Transportation Article, secs. 5-501 through 5-511).

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## STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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Created in 1970, the State Highway Administration constructs and maintains State roads and bridges (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970; Code Transportation Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-812). Prior to 1970, State highway programs had been administered by the State Roads Commission.

The State Highway Administrator is appointed by the Secretary of Transportation with the Governor's approval. The State Highway Administrator is the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. Under the State Highway Administration, the State Highway Safety Program is conducted by the Office of Traffic and Safety (Code Transportation Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-409).