

The Governor may grant pardons to persons convicted of criminal acts against the State, commute the sentences of prisoners of the State, and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against the State. The Governor may extradite prisoners or persons wanted by other states upon the presentation of a writ of extradition and may issue a warrant for the arrest of any person so wanted. The Governor also may ask for the return to this State of any prisoner or person of another state wanted for the violation of the laws of Maryland (Const., Art. II, sec. 20).

By virtue of his office, the Governor serves on certain boards and commissions. The Governor chairs the Board of Public Works and the Governor's Executive Council (Cabinet) and serves on the Maryland Environmental Trust; the Maryland State Employees Risk Management Advisory Council; and the Maryland Veterans Home Commission. The Governor also is a member of several interstate boards: the Appalachian Regional Commission; the Chesapeake Executive Council; the Education Commission of the States; the Interstate Mining Commission; the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin; the Southern Regional Education Board; the Southern States Energy Board; and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

CHIEF OF STAFF

Major F. Riddick, Jr., *Chief of Staff*
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The Office of the Governor is organized under the Chief of Staff and four Deputy Chiefs of Staff. Appointed by the Governor, the Chief of Staff oversees the Communications Office, the Legislative Office, and the Office of Legal Counsel and Regulatory Affairs, as well as the Governor's Executive Council (Cabinet), and the Washington Office. Reporting directly to the Chief of Staff, three Deputy Chiefs of Staff are responsible for the functions of government carried out by the fifteen principal executive departments. Also reporting directly to the Chief of Staff is the fourth Deputy Chief of Staff who administers Appointments; Constituent Services; the Financial Office; Government House; and Support Services.

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Chair: Parris N. Glendening, Governor

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The Governor's Executive Council originated as the Governor's Advisory Council in 1922 (Chapter 29, Acts of 1922). It was reorganized in 1969 as the Governor's Executive Council (Chapter 156, Acts of 1969). Known as the Governor's Cabinet, the Council meets weekly to coordinate, direct, and supervise State government.

The Council is comprised of twenty-one ex officio members. They include the Governor, who chairs the Council; the Lieutenant Governor; the Secretary of State; the secretary of each principal executive department of the State government; the State Superintendent of Schools; the Secretary of Higher Education; the Director on Aging; and the Director of Planning. The Governor may appoint an executive secretary for the Council (Code State Government Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-105; State Finance and Procurement Article, sec. 5-202).

CABINET COUNCIL FOR CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Chair: Nancy S. Grasmick, Ph.D., State Superintendent of Schools
(410) 767-0462

The Governor established the Cabinet Council for Career and Technology Education in 1993 (Executive Order 01.01.1993.05). The Council sets the strategic direction for a system of career and technology education that meets business needs, is based on competency, and focuses on measurable outcomes. The Council coordinates planning for career and technology education by the State Department of Education, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the Department of Business and Economic Development. To further career and technology education in Maryland, the Council ensures that departmental, legislative and budgetary recommendations of these agencies reflect a sharing of resources and plans.

The Council has three ex officio members. It is chaired by the State Superintendent of Schools.

CABINET COUNCIL ON CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE

Chair: Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Lt. Governor
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The Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice was formed by the Governor in 1995 (Executive Order 01.01.1995.03). The Council coordinates the planning, implementation, and evaluation of State policies and programs for criminal and juvenile justice. Council priorities include crime prevention and public safety. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention staffs the Council.

The Council has four task forces. They are concerned with Juvenile Justice Reform; Law Enforcement; Sentencing and Intermediate Sanctions; and Youth Citizenship and Violence Prevention.

Chaired by the Lieutenant Governor, the Council consists of eleven ex officio members.