

2022 Maryland General Assembly Witness Testimony Guidelines

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES								
Committee		Deadline	Bill Order Posted	Oral Testimony	Sponsor Witnesses	Time Limit	Zoom Details -No Longer Applicable as of 2/14	Q&A
B&T YouTube	Budget & Taxation 3 West Miller 410.841.3690	Begins at 4 pm the business day before the hearing and continues through 10 am the day of the hearing	Morning of hearing	No limit on number of witnesses Time limits per witness will be at the discretion of the Committee Chair All selected witnesses will be notified of their selection the night before the scheduled bill hearing and will receive the Zoom log-in information at that time. Witnesses cannot designate someone else to take their slot. Audio/visual presentations are only allowed for bill sponsors and must be proved at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing date.	Bill sponsors must email the Committee Manager the sponsor witness form 2 business days in advance by 10 am. Sponsor witnesses are limited to three witnesses and must also sign up via myMGA Panels: Not allowed by software; sponsors may request specific witnesses to testify with them and chairs will try to accommodate	Two min 30 sec; Lead proponent gets 5 min	Due to the logistical challenge of appropriately streaming in-person and Zoom testimony simultaneously, the Senate will not be allowing hybrid testimony for bill hearings. In extraordinary circumstances, Chairs may, at their discretion, allow pre-recorded video testimony. Individuals may submit electronic written testimony if they cannot testify in person.	Chair will announce procedures.
EHE YouTube	Education & Health & Environmental Affairs 2 West Miller 410.841.3661 1.800.492.7122 x5400							
FIN YouTube	Finance 3 East Miller 410.841.3677							
JPR YouTube	Judicial Proceedings 2 East Miller 410.841.3623							

SENATE BILL HEARING TIMELINE AFTER FEB. 14 STAY UP TO DATE ON COUNTY NEWS AND POLICY:

	Monday <u>Hearing</u>	Tuesday <u>Hearing</u>	Wednesday <u>Hearing</u>	Thursday <u>Hearing</u>	Friday <u>Hearing</u>
Oral and/or Written Testimony Signup	Fri @4pm to Mon @ 10am	Mon @ 4pm to Tues @10am	Tues @ 4pm to Wed @ 10am	Wed @ 4pm to Thurs @ 10am	Thurs @ 4pm to Fri @ 10am
Witnesses from Sponsor	Friday 10am	Monday 10am	Tuesday 10am	Wednesday 10am	Thursday 10am

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PLEASE NOTE: MACo has provided this information, but it is subject to change at any moment. Please always check the individual committee witness guidelines on the [MGA website](http://www.mdcounties.org) for the most updated policies and procedures.



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee		Deadline	Bill Order Posted	Oral Testimony	Sponsor Witnesses	Time Limit	Zoom Details	Q&A	
APP YouTube	Appropriations House 121 410.841.3407	2 business days before hearing, between 8 am-3 pm	Day before the hearing (or on Fridays for Monday hearings)	Maximum 50 witnesses per bill	Chair will try to accommodate sponsor requests	2 min per witness	Zoom link will only be sent to witnesses who sign up in bill hearing witness signup.	Chair will announce procedures.	
	ECM YouTube	Economic Matters House 231 410.841.3519			Monday hearings sign up on Thursday, Tuesday hearings sign up on Friday		No info posted		Zoom link sent via email 2 days before bill hearing
	ENT YouTube	Environment and Transportation House 251 410.841.3990			No panels – individual sign up only		No info posted		Zoom link sent via email the day before (or on Friday for Monday hearings)
HGO YouTube	Health & Government Operations House 240 410.841.3770			Encouraged to submit written as not all witnesses will be selected for oral testimony. Chair expects to call 5 PRO and 5 CON on most bills Normally, bills will be heard 1:30-5:30 pm	Sponsor has 5 min, may cede their time to another witness	2 min per witness	Will receive zoom link via email if selected for oral testimony	All witnesses should stay in the hearing until the Delegates have had an opportunity to ask questions	
JUD YouTube	Judiciary House 101 410.841.3488			Encouraged to submit written as not all witnesses will be selected for oral testimony – witness will receive an email notifying them of selection status Maximum 50 witnesses per bill	Sponsor has 1 min more than other witnesses	Reintroduced bills in identical posture as when they passed out of JUD in 2021: 2 min for sponsor; 1 min for other witnesses Newly proposed bill being heard for first time by JUD: 3 min for sponsor; 2 min for other witnesses	Same as above	Q&A after each witness – witness removed from Zoom hearing room after questions are asked of them	
W&M YouTube	Ways & Means House 130 410.841.3469			Maximum 50 witnesses per bill	No info	2 min per witness, though may be reduced to 1 min – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing	Will receive email w/link the night before hearing Will be let into zoom from waiting room at start of hearing UNLESS large number of witnesses, then admitted in groups of 15. Will be removed from hearing after that bill – if testifying on another bill, click that same zoom link to rejoin when that bill is called. No info on Q&A		

HOUSE BILL HEARING TIMELINE

<i>HOUSE</i>	Monday Hearing	Tuesday Hearing	Wednesday Hearing	Thursday Hearing	Friday Hearing
Witness & Testimony Sign Up Window	Thursday, 8 am – 3 pm	Friday, 8 am – 3 pm	Monday, 8 am – 3 pm	Tuesday, 8 am – 3 pm	Wednesday, 8 am – 3 pm
Zoom Link Sent/Witnesses Finalized	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday