

Voting Procedures for the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC)

- Process is consensus driven and all efforts should be made to reach consensus on a particular issue before a voting process is used
 - For the purposes of the Commission Report, consensus equates to being okay with the language in the Report
- If a vote is necessary, voting rights are limited to Commission members only (or the Commission member's proxy?)
 - Any Commission member has the right to make a motion for a vote
 - A quorum of the majority (more than half of the Commission) will be required to advance a vote and to approve minutes of the Commission
 - A 2/3 majority of the Commission will be necessary to approve any measure other than approval of minutes
 - A minority report created by dissenting members will be welcomed and included during any formal vote

Additional items for discussion:

- Voting by phone: If a Commission member is unable to attend the meeting in person, should he or she be allowed to vote by phone?
- Voting by proxy: If a Commission member is unable to attend the meeting in person or by phone, should he or she be able to send a proxy?