

**Delaware Coalition for Open Government
Virtual Board Meeting by Zoom
Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

Meeting Minutes (Draft #1)

The DelCOG monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm on July 1, 2025, via Zoom.

A quorum was present including the following officers and board members: John Kowalko III, president; Al Jackson, vice president; Anita Rush, treasurer; John Flaherty; Coralie Pryde; and Nick Wasileski, secretary.

The following guest attendees present were: John Kowalko Jr., Katherine Ward, Amy Roe, Bill Shields, Philip Gross, Dorsey Fiske, and Dave (no last name).

The June 3, 2025 DelCOG board meeting minutes and the monthly treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports

The Inspector General Committee reviewed the passage of SB 4, gave a brief history of Rep. Kowalko Jr. earlier bill, and acknowledged the support by Governor Matt Meyer for the current OIG bill. Two novel additions that DelCOG added to its first drafts of the OIG bill were the word “mismanagement” and the inclusion of an Inspector General selection committee. Katherine Ward made comments about the OIG chapter, whose inclusion in a book on the OIG will be published in 2025.

The LLC Committee discussed that it might be appropriate to rename the LLC Committee to address broader topics that fall under Delaware corporate law.

No comments were submitted by the Technology Committee.

Unfinished Business

DOL Embezzlement - Nick gave a brief history of what occurred within Delaware State Government after it was reported by the news media that a whistleblower came forward and disclosed embezzlement at the Division of Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. It was also discussed that at the April 17, 2025 Sunset Committee hearing about the Public Integrity Commission (PIC), DelCOG’s position confirmed that the PIC could not function as an Inspector General after denying an investigation of the high ranking officials who hid the embezzlement from the General Assembly and the public.

SB 13 - no response from the Hospital Review Board. SB 13 was signed into law on October 1, 2024 and will take effect on or before September 1, 2025.

Sunset Committee Lead Program Review - the Sunset Committee put forth recommendations for the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to include the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act.

HB 6 - The bill, which DelCOG supported, passed and now gives subpoena power to the State Auditor.

New Business

HB 155 - a motion was passed to support HB 155, which requires the Public Integrity Commission's reports be made available to the public on the Commission's website. On June 25, 2025, Nick gave a statement of support during public comment at the House Administration Committee Hearing.

Keith Steck resigned from the board to run in the primary for State Representative of the District 20 special election.

Open Forum

Katherine Ward discussed the necessity of adding more DelCOG board members.

It was discussed that with the passage of SB 4, DelCOG needs to start thinking about who will be DelCOG's seat on the OIG selection committee.

It was brought to DelCOG's attention that Newark's unmarked police cars do not have a police vehicle tag which would otherwise designate that the car is an official vehicle.

John Flaherty discussed the General Assembly's ethic review process to remove an elected official.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.