

2025 Maryland General Assembly Witness Testimony Guidelines

		SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES															
Committee		Sign Up Window	Bill Order Posted	Oral Testimony	Handling of Bills Heard in 2024	Sponsor Witnesses	Time Limit	Zoom Details	Q&A								
B&T YouTube	Budget & Taxation 3 West Miller 410.841.3690 Cmte Manager: Kimberly Landry	8 am - 6 pm two business days before the hearing	By noon on the day of the hearing.	Witnesses are strongly encouraged to provide in-person oral testimony	- if bill was voted out unanimously by committee in 2024: only bill sponsor will testify; - if bill was heard by committee in 2024, committee will only hear 2 proponents and 2 opponents	Sponsor is responsible for bringing panel up with them to the table.	2 minutes	Will receive link from noreply@mlis.state.md.us by noon on day of the scheduled bill hearing. When signing in, Zoom name must match sign up name – First and Last. Cannot designate someone else to take your spot or use zoom link. Camera must be on. Testimony must be live, not recorded. NO SCREENSHARING. All materials must be uploaded using myMGA system at time of testimony sign-up.	Committee members will ask questions after the conclusion of a witness's Testimony. However, any changes to this format are at the discretion of the Committee Chair.								
	EEE YouTube	Education, Energy, & the Environment 2 West Miller 410.841.3661 Cmte Manager: Lamorea Stanton		Monday hearings sign up on Thursday before 6 pm, Tuesday hearings sign up on Friday before 6pm, etc.						Witnesses must designate whether they will testify in person or by Zoom Witnesses may not change their oral testimony designation (virtual or in-person) after the sign-up system closes, even if they are not selected for virtual testimony	No info provided	Sponsor witnesses must also sign up via myMGA. EEE: only sponsor witnesses are permitted to share audio-visual presentations.	2 minutes	Follow along with YouTube link (see first column of this chart) while you're in waiting room – CLOSE OUT OF YOUTUBE IMMEDIATELY when let into Zoom room – if you don't, your audio will not work properly. Limit of 14 members of the public may provide virtual oral testimony via Zoom per bill.			
		FIN YouTube		Finance 3 East Miller 410.841.3677 Cmte Manager: Tammy Kraft						(see table below)					Audio-Visual presentations should be uploaded as written testimony. Contact Committee Managers to request permission to show presentations by either 6 pm on the day before the hearing or 24 hours in advance (differs by committee).	- if bill was voted out unanimously by committee in 2024: only bill sponsor will testify; - if bill was heard by committee in 2024, committee will only hear 2 proponents and 2 opponents	2 minutes for less than 30 witnesses; 1 minute for 30 or more witnesses
				JPR YouTube						Judicial Proceedings 2 East Miller 410.841.3623 Cmte Manager: Sandy Popp							

SENATE BILL HEARING TIMELINE:

	<u>Monday Hearing</u>	<u>Tuesday Hearing</u>	<u>Wednesday Hearing</u>	<u>Thursday Hearing</u>	<u>Friday Hearing</u>
Oral Witness Sign-up and Written Testimony Submission	Thursday from 8AM - 6PM	Friday from 8AM - 6PM	Monday from 8AM - 6PM	Tuesday from 8AM - 6PM	Wednesday from 8AM - 6PM

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APP YouTube	Appropriations House 121 410.841.3407	2 business days before hearing, between 8 am-6 pm.	Day before the hearing (or on Fridays for Monday hearings). If you choose to testify virtually, you MUST enter a valid email address that you can access, because this is how you will receive the Zoom link to get into the hearing to testify. There is NO switching from in-person to virtual or vice versa once the sign-up period has closed. No panels will be offered.	Max 50 witnesses per bill. No presentations or PowerPoints – may upload as PDF with written testimony.	No info provided.	2 minutes per witness, at discretion of Chair.	No info Cannot designate someone else to take your spot or use zoom link. Camera must be on. Follow along with YouTube link (see first column of this chart) while you're in waiting room – CLOSE OUT OF YOUTUBE IMMEDIATELY when let into Zoom room – if you don't, your audio will not work properly. You will be admitted at start of hearing unless large number of witnesses, then in groups of 5. You will be removed after your bill is heard. NO SCREENSHARING. All materials must be uploaded using myMGA system at time of testimony sign-up. NOTE: Online testimony must be live, not recorded
ECM YouTube ***	Economic Matters House 231 410.841.3519/ 301-858-3519	2 business days before hearing, between 8 am-6 pm.		2 min for Sponsor panel.	2 min per witness, may be reduced – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing.		
ENT YouTube ***	Environment and Transportation House 251 410.841.3990	2 business days before hearing, between 8 am-6 pm.		2 min for Sponsor panel.	2 min per witness, may be reduced – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing. <i>Cap of 50 oral testimony witnesses per bill.</i>		
HGO YouTube ***	Health & Government Operations House 240 410.841.3770	See note below***		2 min for Sponsor panel. Sponsor may cede their time to another witness	2 min per witness, though may be reduced to 1 min – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing.		
JUD YouTube	Judiciary House 101 410.841.3488	2 business days before hearing, between 8 am-6 pm.		3 min for bill sponsor and 2 min for every sponsor panel member that follows	2 min for other witnesses, though may be reduced– Chair will announce at beginning of hearing.		
W&M YouTube ***	Ways & Means House 130 410.841.3469	See note below***		2 min for Sponsor panel.	2 min per witness, though may be reduced to 1 min – Chair will announce at beginning of hearing.		

HOUSE	Monday Hearing	Tuesday Hearing	Wednesday Hearing	Thursday Hearing	Friday Hearing
Witness & Testimony Sign Up Window	Thursday, 8 am – 6 pm	Friday, 8 am – 6 pm	Monday, 8 am – 6 pm	Tuesday, 8 am – 6 pm	Wednesday, 8 am – 6 pm
Zoom Link Sent (N/A for budget hearings)	Previous Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

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](#) for the most updated policies and procedures.

***As of 1/10/2025, ECM, ENT, HGO, and W&M had not yet posted 2025 guidelines. The overall House guidelines are being reflected above. Please [check the committee pages](#) for updates.