

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, December 13th, 2024 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Virtual Only

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DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME

Councilmember Jon Stehle, FARM Chair

Chair Stehle will welcome participants and review the meeting agenda.

10:05 A.M. 2. FARM COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair Council President Andrew Friedson, FARM Vice Chair

Chair Stehle will welcome the incoming FARM Chair and Vice Chair and invite them to provide brief remarks. He will also recognize a new member to the committee. Vice Chair Friedson will recognize outgoing FARM members.

The Chairs will also call for any reflections on October's DC Farm Tour.

Chair Stehle will seek approval of the August meeting summary, He will review the proposed changes to FARM's by-laws and call for questions, discussion, and feedback from members. Chair Stehle will also briefly discuss 2025 to 2026 FARM membership.

Recommended Action: Discussion of tour, bylaws, membership, and approve

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meeting summary.

10:20 A.M. 3. UPDATE FROM FARM WORK GROUPS

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair
DMV Food Council Collaborative & Regional Ag Work Group Member Volunteers

Chair Stehle will introduce members from FARM's Work Groups to provide a report from their recent joint work session. Members from the DMV Food Council Collaborative and the Regional Agricultural Work Group will share identified strategies and next steps.

Chair Stehle will also recognize two outgoing DMV FCC Members and invite them to provide brief reflections on their time with the DMV FCC and or FARM Policy.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

10:40 A.M. 4. 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair FARM Legislative Priorities Ad-Hoc Committee Member or COG Staff

Members will be briefed on recommended changes to COG's food security-related legislative priorities for 2025.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discuss.

11:00 A.M. 5. ASSESSING FARM'S PROGRESS AND MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair Andrew Friedson, FARM Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair will reflect on FARM's progress against its 2024 to 2025 Strategic Plan and invite member discussion.

FARM and FARM Work Group members are encouraged to bring a reflection on working regionally on food and agriculture during this period and to highlight a local milestone or accomplishment. Members are also invited to share any observations on their priorities for the 2025 District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia legislative periods or sessions.

Recommended Action: Member discussion

11:45 A.M. 6. REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURN

Jon Stehle, FARM Chair

The next FARM meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14th.