

**Maryland Adult Learning Advisory Council**  
Annie E. Casey Foundation  
503 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

**December 3, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Outcomes:**

- Discuss member priorities and possible synergies among partners.
- Share updates at the state and departmental levels.
- Share initiatives to increase access to post-secondary education in Maryland.
- Discuss current state and federal work on expanding the use of Ability to Benefit, the provision allowing individuals without a high school diploma to access federal financial aid for career pathway programs.

10:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Opening Discussion & Member Priorities Approval of Minutes: September 7, 2018	<b>Irene Lee, Chair</b> <b>Terry R. Gilleland Jr., Co-Chair</b>
10:30	<b>Greetings and Updates</b>	<b>James Rzepkowski, Assistant Secretary, Workforce Development and Adult Learning, DLLR</b>
10:40	<b>MHEC Overview &amp; Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships</b>	<b>Emily Dow, Assistant Secretary, Academic Affairs, MHEC</b> <b>Donna Thomas, Director, OSFA, MHEC</b>
11:10	<b>Ability to Benefit</b>	<b>Judy Mortude, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP</b> <b>Lauren Walizer, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP</b>
11:45	<b>Closing Discussion</b>	<b>Irene Lee, Chair</b> <b>Terry Gilleland Jr., Co-Chair</b>
12:00	<b>Adjournment and Networking Lunch</b>	<b>All</b>