

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Maryland Correctional Training Commission

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DATE:	July 15, 2025
TO:	Correctional Partners
FROM:	Daedra Carrio Westby
RE:	SEEKING CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION MEMBERS

As many of you are aware, the membership of the Correctional Training Commission (CTC) has been updated as a result of SB402, effective June 1, 2024. The Correctional Training Commission has expanded to include more members and representatives from across the State of Maryland.

Correctional officers, mandated staff and/or officials from local correctional facilities, representing different regions in Maryland <u>are needed to fill seats</u> in the following regions for the 2026-2029 Session:

(1) Representative from the Eastern Shore (Caroline Co, Cecil Co, Dorchester Co, Kent Co, Queen Anne's Co, Somerset Co, Talbot Co, Wicomico Co, Worcester Co)

(1) Representative from Southern MD (Calvert Co, Charles Co, St. Mary's Co)

CTC has several responsibilities, powers and duties which include:

- To prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of approval of schools that conduct correctional, parole, or probation entrance level and in-service training courses;
- To approve and issue certificates of approval to corrections training schools;
- To inspect correctional training schools;
- To revoke, for cause, any approval or certificate or approval issued to a correctional training school;
- To prescribe the curriculum, courses of study, attendance and eligibility requirements, equipment and facilities, standards of operation, and minimum qualifications for instructors;
- To certify and issue appropriate certificates to correctional officers who satisfactorily complete training programs;
- To conduct and operate approved correctional training schools;
- To adopt regulations necessary to carry CTC duties, as specified;

Wes Moore, Governor

Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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> Margaret Chippendale Central Region

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Lt. Betsy Shoemake Western Region

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- To make a continuous study of correctional training methods and procedures for all correctional training schools;
- To consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized federal, State, or municipal correctional agency or educational institution;
- To consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and institutions to develop all general and specialized courses of study for correctional officers;
- To consult and cooperate with other units of the State concerned with correctional training;
- To develop and implement specific program design and appropriate course curriculum and training for DJS employees, subject to certain conditions; and
- To perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry out CTC requirements.

Meetings are held on a quarterly basis, with occasional 'emergency' meetings as needed periodically. The commitment will be for a three-year period. As one region's term ends, solicitations for representatives from other areas will go out.

The Governor's Appointments Office is currently accepting applications and recommendations to fill vacancies on the Commission, which all require Senate confirmation. Applications and recommendations can be submitted online through the <u>Appointments Office</u>.

This is an incredible opportunity for interested correctional personnel to contribute to shaping corrections in the State of Maryland and gain a greater understanding of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Please disseminate this to your staff who may be interested. If there are any questions I encourage you to contact me at 410-875-3606 or <u>daedra.carriowestby@maryland.gov</u>.