

# *Media Advisory*

## Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending to Meet Tuesday

*Arts leader, concert venue reps, tourism chief to discuss relief programs*

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**WHAT:** The Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending will hold its sixth meeting on Tuesday, February 22, at 1 p.m. to continue its review of state and federal COVID-related spending with a focus on the arts, entertainment and tourism.

Steven Skerritt-Davis, executive director of the Maryland State Arts Council, will provide an overview of relief funds dedicated to the arts industry and lessons learned from the grant administration process.

Jean Parker, general manager of Merriweather Post Pavilion and Ted Mankin, senior vice president at Live Nation, who are both founding members of the Maryland Entertainment Industry Association, will discuss the relief programs available to Maryland's music venues.

Ruth Toomey, executive director of the Maryland Tourism Coalition, will outline the aid that supported MTC member organizations.

During the past nine months, the Comptroller's Workgroup on Pandemic Spending has heard from numerous state agencies and community organizations about the successes, failures and difficulties of pandemic-related programs. The workgroup,

established by the Comptroller after the General Assembly provided funds in the FY 2022 budget for a review of pandemic-related spending that Franchot championed, is examining how funds have been expended, whether they went to intended recipients and populations most in need; disparities in distribution; and possible predatory fraud and pandemic profiteering.

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, February 22, 2022**  
**1 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building – Assembly Room  
80 Calvert St.  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The meeting will also be [livestreamed on the Comptroller's YouTube channel](#).

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