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Open Meeting
September 18, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Online – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams*

AGENDA

1. Call to order, welcome, introductions (Chair)
2. Review of recommendations already adopted by the Board:
 - Addition of Deputy Ombudsman and provision of additional staff to the Public Access Unit of the OAG
 - Amending the PIA to provide the Board with jurisdiction over denials of requests for fee waivers
3. Discussion of additional recommendations to include in annual report

Specific recommendations already before the Board, provided by MDDC Press Association:

- Adopting federal FOIA language to greatly reduce discretion on public interest fee waivers
 - Creating a mandatory indigent fee waiver process
 - Standardizing payment of fees, e.g. use of a deposit rather than requiring PIA requesters to pay the entire fee in advance
4. Motions for additional recommendations and votes.
 5. Motions for additional changes to revised draft report and votes
 6. Instructions to staff for content of annual report
 7. Closing remarks, adjournment (Chair)

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