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Governor appoints Rebecca J. Hanson to Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission

Hanson also joins the MPT Foundation Board of Directors

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has appointed **Rebecca J. Hanson, Esq.** to serve on the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, Maryland Public Television’s (MPT) 11-member governing body.

The Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission was created by statute in 1966 to establish and maintain a system of educational and cultural television programming for Maryland. The commission holds the federal license for six broadcasting stations MPT operates across the state. MPT is a member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Hanson is executive vice president and general counsel for HC2 Broadcasting Holdings, Inc. The company, through subsidiaries, invests in construction, marine services, energy, life sciences, telecommunications, and insurance firms. Hanson previously served as senior vice president for policy at Sinclair Broadcast Group and earlier was a senior advisor on broadcast spectrum for the Federal Communications Commission. She currently serves on the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) board of directors and the board of the NAB Education Foundation.



In addition, the MPT Foundation, Inc. has elected Hanson to serve a three-year term on its board of directors. Incorporated in 1981 as the Maryland Public Broadcasting Foundation, Inc., the 501(c) (3) fundraising affiliate of Maryland Public Television today comprises approximately two dozen members drawn from Maryland business, civic, and cultural communities to assist MPT in securing private contributions and foundation grants.

Hanson earned a bachelor’s degree from Sarah Lawrence College and J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. She is a resident of Bethesda, Maryland.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and Thinkport.org. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit mpt.org.