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Scheffenacker and Gardeniers join Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has appointed David P. Scheffenacker, Jr. and Shelly L. Gardeniers to the 11-member Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission (MPBC), the governance board for Maryland Public Television (MPT). In their new roles, Scheffenacker and Gardeniers will work with fellow commissioners to oversee the statewide public broadcaster.

The MPBC 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 broadcasting stations operated by MPT.

Scheffenacker is president of Preston Scheffenacker Properties, a Towson-based real estate investment and development company. He is a long-time supporter of MPT, and Friends School of Baltimore, as well as other organizations which address education, homelessness, and military veterans. Scheffenacker is president of the Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust and also serves on the St. Paul's School for Girls Board of Trustees. A resident of Baltimore County, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Roanoke College. Scheffenacker's term on the MPBC ends June 30, 2019.

Gardeniers is an independent consultant and owner of Artis Strategic Consulting, LLC, specializing in strategic planning, oversight, and governance. She has previously served on the board of directors of several regional and national organizations and is a member of the Leadership Maryland Class of 2014. A resident of Anne Arundel County, she earned an undergraduate degree in foreign service from Georgetown University and a master of international affairs degree from Columbia University. Gardeniers' term on the MPBC ends June 30, 2020.

About MPT

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT's six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT's commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through year-round instructional events and the super-website *Thinkport*, which garners in excess of 14 million page views annually. MPT's community engagement connects viewers with local resources on significant health, education, and public interest topics through year-round outreach events, viewer forums, program screenings, and phone bank call-in opportunities.