



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 20, 2024, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
August Clayton, Committee Vice Chair
Nicolas Augustine
Joan Bryan
Nicole Hollywood
M Pease
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Members Not Present:

All members present

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the agenda was approved with all members in favor.
- V. Approval of 2.7.2024 Minutes: Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the agenda was approved with all members in favor.
- VI. Review of Bill Hearing Calendar:
 - A. Director Browning gave an overview of the legislative session and status of our priority bills. Discussion ensued regarding the tracking document and it was suggested that the document include when commissioners provide testimony on a bill even if not on behalf of the Commission to demonstrate impact.
 - B. Commissioner Hollywood made a motion to instruct Director Browning to add bills to the tracking document and notate in the alignment table that coincides with the established policy positions of the Commission and was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. Motion carried with all in favor.
- VII. Discussion of Procedure for Bill Amendments: The committee held a discussion on the need to address bill amendments quickly during the legislative session and a draft

amendment policy procedure was reviewed. Commissioner Augustine made a motion to introduce the draft amendment procedure with the full Commission for review and was seconded by Commissioner Pease. Motion carried with one abstention from Commissioner Clayton.

VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 7:07pm.

Minutes submitted by: Director, Jeremy Browning