



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
July 16, 2024, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
August Clayton, Committee Vice Chair
Joan Bryan
Nicole Hollywood

Members Not Present:

Nicolas Augustine
M Pease
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.
- 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 4.11.2024 Minutes: Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the minutes were approved with all members in favor.
- VI. Discussion - Procedure for Bill Amendments: Director Browning provided clarity on language changes to the procedure document and accepted comments from the group. The document was checked for errors and the changes were accepted. A motion was made by Commissioner Byan to send the updated procedures to the full Commission for review and approval at the next full Commission meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. Motion carried with all in favor.
- VII. Discussion - 2025 Preliminary Legislative Priorities: Director Browning provided a review of favorable and unfavorable bills. Members discussed the need for input from the full Commission and meetings with the LGBTQ Caucus.
- VIII. Discussion - 2025 Strategy: Committee Chair Caballero provided a review of previously discussed strategy. The committee discussed dividing the long document into smaller

pamphlets, tailored to specific issues areas to be more digestible for legislators. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to open the 2024 Policy Priority document for comment until October 1, 2024 and was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. Motion carried with all in favor.

- IX. Discussion - Symposium: Director Browning recommended expanding upon the Recommendations and Best Practices for All State Agencies in anticipation of the Symposium. The Symposium Workgroup will be tasked with creating 90 minutes of content. Members of the committee were encouraged to think of 5 goals for the Symposium attendees to walk away with to be discussed at our next Policy Committee meeting.
- X. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 7:42pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.