



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Youth & Education Committee Minutes
April 30, 2024, 7:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Jabari Lyles, Committee Chair
Sarah Stern
Joan Bryan
Wendy Novak
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder
Staff: Director Jeremy Browning

Members Not Present:

Asher Kennedy
Kijana West, Committee Vice Chair

- I. Committee Chair Lyles called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and welcomed new members.
- II. Committee Chair Lyles acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Lyles.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Committee Chair Lyles called a vote and the agenda was approved with all members in favor.
- V. Approval of 2.28.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Novak. Motion carried with all members in favor.
- VI. Updates: Rollout and support of Recommendations for Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students and meetings with the Administration and MSDE: Director Browning provided an update on the meetings to be scheduled. A discussion ensued regarding which committee members should attend and it was determined that Commissioners Lyles, Blinder, and Novak would attend along with Director Browning.
- VII. Discussion: Joint letter to address violence against LGBTQIA+ youth: The committee discussed the need to address violence against LGBTQIA+ youth with the goal of creating a draft letter by May 13, 2024. Additionally, it was recommended that the committee create draft template letters to more quickly respond to issues.

- VIII. Discussion: Combating anti-LGBTQIA+ hate in schools: The committee discussed the need to address misinformation promoted by hate groups and to focus on strategies at the next meeting.
- IX. Discussion: Potential funding needs: The Committee discussed the following potential funding needs:
 - A. Summit or conference of LGBTQIA+ educators and staff
 - B. GSA summit
 - C. GSA grants program
 - D. Printed materials
 - E. Presentations at schools
 - F. Train the trainers
 - G. Statewide training team
- X. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Lyles at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Director, Jeremy Browning