



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
August 15, 2024, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder
Nicholas Augustine
Joan Bryan
Nicole Hollywood
M Pease

Members Not Present:

August Clayton, Committee Vice Chair

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Pease. The motion was carried with all members in favor.
- V. Approval of 7.16.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Hollywood made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. The motion was carried with all members in favor.
- VI. Discussion - Policy Priorities Document: Director Browning provided a review of the document and answered questions related to the favorable and unfavorable bills that are listed. Committee Chair Caballero brought up the topic of adding an appendix to add more clarity to the document. Director Browning began a discussion on changing the format of the document for uniformity, Commissioner Bryan and Commissioner Hollywood agreed that the formatting should be updated. Chair Blinder provided insight on the current format, stating that it was done for the ease of creation and that no

specific design was in mind. Commissioner Hollywood provided a document organization suggestion and further discussion on the order of the document items. Director Browning advised that all content should be collected and drafted prior to reformatting.

- VII. Discussion - Symposium Goals: Director Browning provided the document outlining the goals of the symposium and stated that the workgroup will be meeting for the first time on August 19th. Further discussion was had regarding program order and options for the keynote speaker. Director Browning will be creating a slide deck for the purpose of an overview on recommendations to present to the symposium attendees. Committee Chair Caballero requested a to-do list for committee members ahead of the symposium. Questions and comments were addressed and the committee was informed that there will be a poll sent out to schedule the next committee meeting.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 6:56pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.