



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
January 16, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
M Pease, Vice Chair
Nicole Hollywood
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Members Not Present:

Rev. K.C. Ali Bell
Joan Bryan

Guests Present:

Charlotte Hoffman

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:06am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero. The Committee briefly discussed changing the meeting time in order to accommodate the schedules of the new Committee members. Committee members agreed on changing the scheduled meeting time to Friday's 10:00am - 11:00am beginning on February 7th, 2025.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: The floor was opened for additions or commentary with no responses. Committee Chair Caballero called a vote and the agenda was approved with all in favor.
- V. Approval of 1.8.2025 Minutes: Commissioner Hollywood made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Committee Chair Caballero seconded and the minutes were approved with all in favor.

- VI. Discussion - Legislative Session: The committee discussed upcoming bill hearings and Director Browning will continue drafting the statements for the Commission and will share them for feedback, aiming to submit the strongest testimony possible, including new research findings. Committee Chair Caballero requested that Director Browning coordinate with Chair Blinder to determine the best commissioner or staff member to present testimony.
- VII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 10:35am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.