



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 14, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
M Pease, Committee Vice chair
Joan Bryan
Rev. K.C. Ali Bell
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn

Members Not Present:

Nicole Hollywood
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Staff and Guest Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:37am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Committee Vice Chair Pease and seconded by Commissioner Bell. The agenda was approved with all in favor.
- V. Approval of 2.7.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Zhǎngsūn made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Pease. The motion carried with all in favor.
- VI. Discussion: Legislative Priorities and Testimonies: The Policy Committee reviewed the Commission's legislative policy priorities and discussed additional bills to be recommended for the full Commission's support. Based on the actions from the February

10, 2025 full Commission meeting (see motion below), the Policy Committee discussed and voted on the following motions:

Approved Motion from 2.10.2025 Commission meeting: The Policy Committee will make additions to the legislative policy priorities and then send out an email on Monday (2.17.2025) to the entire commission on what the addition of those policy priorities are and the commission has until February 21, 2025 to respond with an objection to one of those policy priority items, with no objection [policy priority updates] will move forward.

- A. Motion 1: Committee Vice Chair Pease made a motion to approve the bills listed below to be presented to the full Commission for review and was seconded by Commissioner Bell. The motion carried with all in favor.

Favorable:

- [HB718](#) Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established
- [HB1059](#) Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations, Intent, and Discriminatory Effect
- [HJ0005/SJ0005](#): Elementary and Secondary Education - Curriculum - Importance of Diversity
- [HB1006](#): Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)
- [HB0647/SB0702](#) Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing

Unfavorable:

- [HB1212](#): Criminal Law - Obscene Material - Device Filters
- [HB1399](#): Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors - Prohibition (Protect the Kids Act)
- [HB1186/SB933](#): Criminal Law - Causing Ingestion of an Abortion-Inducing Drug - Prohibition (Women's Freedom From Coercion Act)
- [HB373](#): Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- [HB1271](#): Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Wait Time
- [HB1019](#): Human Relations - Protection of the Free Exercise of Religion
- [HB1188](#): Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Cooperation
- [HB1395](#): County Boards of Education - Volunteer Aides - School Chaplain

- B. Motion 2: Commissioner Bell made a motion to present [HB1452](#) (Hate Crimes and Hate Bias - Definitions of Sexual Orientation and Hate Bias Incident) to the full Commission for review and was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Pease. The motion carried with an abstention from Commissioner Zhāngsūn.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 10:59am.

Minutes submitted by: Jeremy Browning, Director