



**Maryland Commission  
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Development Committee Minutes  
August 26, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Debb Dunn, Committee Chair  
Wendy Novak  
Stephen Martin

Members Not Present:

Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder  
Anthony Fox

Staff Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director  
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant

- I. Committee Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
- II. Committee Chair Dunn acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Dunn.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: Committee Chair Dunn called a vote and the agenda was approved with all members in favor.
- V. Approval of 7.23.2024 Minutes: Committee Chair Dunn called a vote and the minutes were approved with all members in favor.
- VI. Discussion: Funding Needs and Sources - Assistant Harer provided an overview of the newly created spreadsheets for the use of compiling information regarding committee projects and funding sources. The committee discussed the need for a funding needs request form to collect projects in need of funding.
- VII. Discussion: GOFA Questions - Director Browning provided information to the committee on the process of filing a budget request. The committee discussed challenges in raising funds as a state agency and the need to identify funders. It was noted that nonprofit organizations and foundations are likely the best sources for our needs. Director Browning recommended working with the Policy Committee to add additional funding needs to the 2025 Recommendations as well as looking into creating opportunities to connect with potential funders.

- VIII. Discussion: Next Steps - The next committee meeting will be held on September 23, 2024.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Dunn at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant.