



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 21, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

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

Members Not Present:

Joan Bryan
Rev. Ali K.C. Bell

Staff and Guest Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:15am.
- 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 Commissioner Zhǎngsūn and seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. The agenda was approved with all in favor.
- V. Approval of 2.14.2024 Minutes: Commissioner Zhǎngsūn made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. The motion carried with all in favor.
- VI. Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session:
 - A. Director Browning reviewed the comments made by the commissioners on the tracking document.

- B. The committee discussed a friendly amendment to the language used in HJ0005/SJ0005. . Commissioner Zhǎngsūn made a motion to support an amendment to add "gender identity or expression" to HJ0005/SJ0005 and was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.
- C. There was a brief discussion on HB1186 Birth Certificate Modernization Act which is scheduled for a hearing in the afternoon.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 10:41am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant