



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Policy Committee Minutes
February 28, 2025, 10:00am - 11:00am
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Josie Caballero, Committee Chair
Rev. Ali K.C. Bell
Joan Bryan
Nicole Hollywood
Ly Xīnzhèn Zhǎngsūn

Members Not Present:

M Pease, Committee Vice chair
Ex-Officio: Chair Lee Blinder

Staff and Guest Present:

Jeremy Browning, Director
Taylor Harer, Special Assistant
Charlotte Persephone Hoffman, Policy Committee Advisor
Lena Hernandez, guest from the Governor's Commission on Hispanic and Latin Affairs

- I. Committee Chair Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:07am.
- II. Committee Chair Caballero acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Chair Caballero.
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: An addition was made to the agenda as requested by Commissioner Hollywood to discuss the LGBTQ+ Caucus Legislative Night on March 3. Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the agenda with the new agenda item included. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood with no additional discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- V. Approval of 2.21.2024 Minutes: A correction was made to a Commissioners name. A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Hollywood with no additional discussion. The motion was unanimously passed.

- VI. Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session: Advisor Hoffman provided an update on the Legislative Session, including a review of what bills have hearings in the upcoming week. Additionally, there was a discussion surrounding the planning of testimony for the HB1399 hearing.
- VII. Discussion: Other Policy Matters - There was a discussion on drafting a statement that would be distributed to the rest of the Commission. Advisor Hoffman offered to take the lead on drafting this document.
- VIII. Discussion: LGBTQIA+ Caucus - The LGBTQIA+ Caucus Legislative Night scheduled for March 3, 2025. Director Browning provided an overview of the event agenda. The Committee discussed the event and the desire to be involved in future events with more advanced planning.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Chair Caballero at 11:02am.

Minutes submitted by: Taylor Harer, Special Assistant