



**Maryland Commission
on LGBTQIA+ Affairs**

Youth & Education Committee Minutes
April 28, 2025, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Wendy Novak, Committee Vice Chair
Joan Bryan
Brandon Russell
Sarah Stern

Members Not Present:

Asher Kennedy, Committee Chair
Kijana West
Ex-Officio: Lee Blinder

Staff Present:

Director: Jeremy Browning
Special Assistant: Taylor Harer

- I. Committee Vice Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 6:25pm
- II. Committee Vice Chair Novak acknowledged housekeeping and meeting guidelines.
- III. Roll call was conducted by Committee Vice Chair Novak
- IV. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Approval of 2.24.2025 Minutes: The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- VI. Discussion: Updated Guidance from MSDE - An overview of the documents was led by Director Browning. There was a discussion regarding concerns of accountability and enforcement of best practices. Committee members recommend MSDE report on compliance of guidance across school systems.
- VII. Discussion: Updated Non-discrimination Guidelines from MSDE - There was a brief overview of the updated guidelines. The Committee approved of the content in the

document, but brought up the concerns that parents may not know that the document exists. There was a brief discussion on school policy and whether or not these practices are in place. There was concern with the binary language used in the non-discrimination document. Director Browning will reach out to MSDE to have it updated.

- VIII. Discussion: 2025 Youth and Education Committee Priorities - Due to the time constraints, the last agenda item will be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion. The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025 at 7:00pm.
- IX. Meeting adjourned by Committee Vice Chair Novak at 7:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Special Assistant, Taylor Harer